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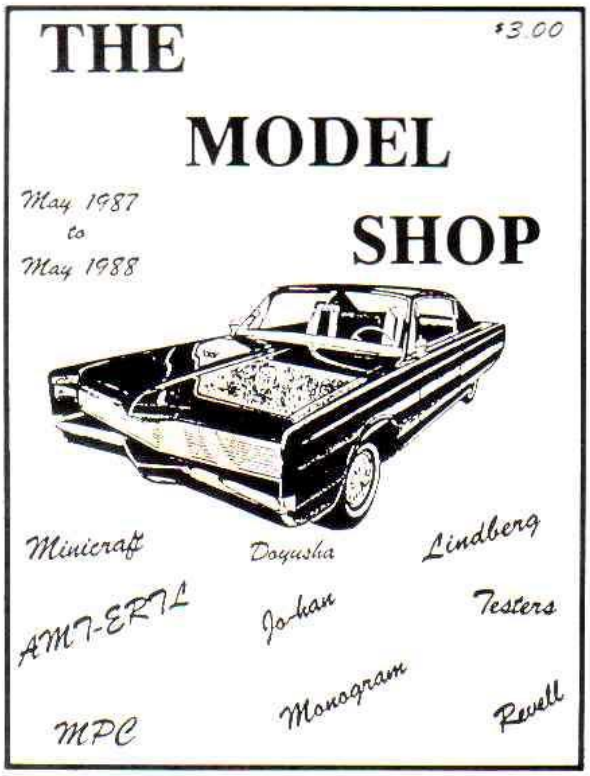

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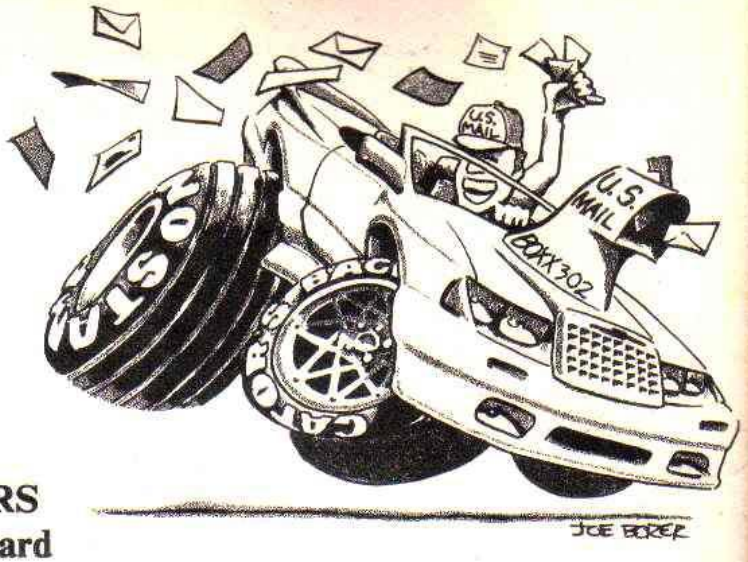

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FIRST PLACE WINNER

Dear CARtoons

Your April 87 issue just arrived a few days ago and I want to compliment the editor, the writers and the support staff. The quality of your automobile humor is original, interesting and well-done. I laughed my head off at the idiot maintenance suggestions for car repair, as most of your ideas had an edge of truth to them and your outline of car problems thoroughly listed just about all the possibilities of cars going bad.

A suggestion for future issues could incorporate and utilize the fact that as more and more engines, makes and options are available—the parts availability of low production items will require weeks to get them from domestic sources. Meanwhile, your automobile may be sitting at the mechanic's garage waiting for a critical engine/transmission part and you don't have a car. The ironic lesson from this dilemma is that the junk yards may have a part which car dealers don't always stock, even when the make and model is newer. I guess they call this parts availability problem the management system of "just in time" inventory supplies and the consumer can go hunt for parts after driving the unit off the car lot. To complicate this parts availability confusion, when the consumer goes to a junk yard to get parts for a newer automobile, the parts-counter helpers are mesmerized by all the similar or not-so-similar parts comparisons. A junk yard may have your part and not know it or, even worse, may think they have your part, but send you home with the wrong one. Give me the good ole days, when Chevys used basic GM parts and Dodge was all MoPar.

I think CARtoons does an excellent job of representing domestic muscle cars from the 60s and early 70s, but the newer domestic rigs from the 1980s are insulted for complexities and maintenance costs. I do agree that a computer-processed, fuel-injected V-8 is not something a backyard mechanic can fix, but the sleek aerodynamics and increased mpg these sytems can deliver make up for the higher maintenance costs. The 4-6-8 computer-driven Cadillac from 1981 is a good example of how high-tech can turn a 350 ci gas hog into a 22-mpg fuel miser, without giving up the V-8 horsepower. The V-8s from the 1980s have many refinements and improvements, along with reduced compression ratios and catalytic converters. The drawbacks of the new cars exist, but rusting body panels and old-fashioned styling are problems facing the cars from the 60s. Eventually we'll all have to drive high-tech cars, as fewer and fewer old blocks remain on the road.

I hope CARtoons keeps up the fantastic job it's doing, as the automotive humor this magazine typifies is unique in a world of hum-drum cartooning. Everybody depends on cars to drive to work, school or wherever they're headed and CARtoons is the perfect vehicle to learn to laugh at ourselves while we put up with the quirks and positive natures of our transportation systems.

Marty Peterson
Bothwell, Washington

—Well, Marty, some people think our humor is not only well-done, it's rare. Anyway we'd guess you must be taking

A FEW MORE WORDS FROM QUICK IRV, JUST ONE MORE TIME FOR GOOD MEASURE: we are still getting subscription requests and requests for changes of address being sent to the editorial offices. These then have to be forwarded to the Subscription Fullfillment Department, which adds to the length of time it takes for your request to be taken care of. Also, if you've recently subscribed, you've got to remember: it does take a certain amount of time for your request to be processed. However, if you do have a serious problem with your subscription, or want to subscribe, PLEASE, please send your request to:

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Irv

guru lessons. Quick Irv said, back in 1975: Someday every car in the world will be a Honda Civic. It looks like Irv is close to being right, if you know what we mean, although we'd bet there are a lot of 60s blocks sitting around out there waiting to be revitalized. Oh, by the way, your interesting insights got you first place this time.

SECOND PLACE WINNER

Dear CARtoons,

This is in response to Todd Foreman's letter (April). The letters GTO stand for Gran Turismo Omologato, translated roughly as a high-performance touring car certified for competition.

I would also like to congratulate you on putting out a really awesome mag. Everyone should quit snarling at you guys and just be patient until their car shows up. Maybe they would like to send some donations? Gosh, I haven't seen any of my favorite cars: 67 or 72 Chevelles, but I'm not having a foot-stomping fit. They need to settle down and let you guys keep on doing what you're good at. Keep on cruzin'.

Diane Anderson
Winterville, Georgia

—Thanks, Diane. Did you hear that, you guys? Quit snarling at us! Actually Gran Turismo Omologato is Italian: they sure can turn a phrase.

THIRD PLACE WINNER

Irv,

I just picked up the latest CARtoons, and I'd like to say it's a step down from the radical Mustang issue. As for Chad Brown, he's pretty smart. The 1966 427 Cobra is the fastest (quarter-mile) U.S.-made production car ever. Quarter-mile times were about 12.2 seconds at 118 mph. Obviously it can't be the fastest production car now, because it's no longer being made. The new Buick GNX runs quarter-mile times in 13.3 seconds at 104 mph. Still short of the Cobra, but it is more available, therefore is the fastest, The Buick GNX, new for 87 only, puts out an unbelievable 300 horsepower with a turbocharged 3.8-liter V-6. Speaking of horsepower, Marty Peterson was a little off when he said that the 1986 Mustang has 180 hp. It has 200, but the value-packed 1987 Mustang has been given 25 more horses, making a grand total of 225. Neat, huh?

I thought I heard you say that Petersen Publishing Company puts out a bi-monthly Mustang mag. Oh please, oh please tell me its name. I don't believe I've seen it. I'd love to see some blown late 70s econoboxes, just for kicks. I face west every day to worship you guys and girls. You're really the best. If you do print this, please comment.

Kevin Nigg
Galesburg, Michigan

—From the response we got, we'd say that if we'd have printed a bunch of extra copies of the Mustang issue, we could've sold 'em all. Petersen's bi-monthly Mustang is called quite simply Mustang. It is published by the Specialty Publications Division here at Petersen, the same department which puts out your favorite automotive humor magazine. Just so you won't miss it, here's a photo of it:

Dear CARtoons,

I have been a fan of your mag for a long time. I have collected CARtoons for a long time, and now I am selling my CARtoons because in Ladner there is a book store. Lots of CARtoons come through it every day and I buy them. The CARtoons I am selling are as follows: May 1979, April 1986, June 1986, August 1986, August 1985 and Drag Cartoons no. 3. They are in excellent condition and most of them have Iron-Ons in them. I will sell them to the highest bidder. If you wish to buy any, send me an offer and which ones you would like to have along with your address. Happy hunting all you tooners.

My address is:
Selmar Schreinders
4301 River Road West
Ladner, B.C., Canada V4K 1R9

—Thanks for the info. A lot of our readers who are looking for back issues will probably be interested.

Dear Quick Irv,

In the April 1987 issue some dude wanted some back issues of CARtoons. Well, I have three years of them, not every issue of some years, but I can get them cheap and in fairly good shape. Just send your requests to:
Don Smith
649 Sweetbriar
New Whiteland, IN 46184
and I'll do the best I can to get them to you. Thanks.
Mr. & Mrs. Don Smith
(toonin buddies)
New Whiteland, Indiana

—Again, thanks for the info. Well, gang, it looks like the back issue business is picking up.

We welcome letters to the editor. They should be brief and brilliant. The letters must include name and address and/or telephone number so that the signature or name of the sender can be verified. Once verified, names will be withheld at your request. We continue to reserve the right to edit letters for clarity, brevity and/or other purposes.

Dear CARtoons,

I only have two issues, but I thought I'd tell ya how pleased I am with your mag. I'm a Ford fan myself, but I really loved the wild 55 in the February issue. I think Trosley's Krass & Bernie is great! Shawn Kerri is the very next best. "You Never Know About Some People" was hilarious. I think your cover designs and lettering are great. They are attractive. I just know you won't print this letter.

Eric Grant
Denver, Colorado

—What do you mean . . . we won't print this letter?

Dear Toons,

Your mag is totally rad! I love your mag especially Tom Marnick's National Star Ragazine and Shawn Kerri's and George Trosley's work. Everyone else has some award-winning stuff also.

As I was reading your April 87 issue I came across a letter by Dan Eammons. Where does this guy get off calling ATVs junk anyways? By the way, tell Shawn to hold still for just a second so you can get her picture. Readers are waiting.

I love the Plymouth Superbirds and 64 GTOs, so you can probably understand why I loved April's K & B. I am not going to say a word about MoPar though; I figure you've heard enough of that already.

I like the My Wheels section and I was wondering if you would accept a picture of a totally rad go-kart I drew a while back? I love the How-To section also. It's improved my drawings tremendously.

A word to the wise . . . If you want to order anything from our advertisers, and do not want to cut up your copy of CARtoons, simply do this: Make a good clean copy of the order form and send that to them. You'll get the same results.

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Add some 4x4s to your mag. I own a blue 79 Chevy Custom DeLuxe with some fairly large tires and the standard 350 four-barrel. This summer we plan on raising it another four inches and setting it on top of some 44-inch Ground Hawgs. It just isn't tall enough as it is. I would also like to have a larger engine sometime in the future. Well, bye for now and good luck with your mag.
Jay (Superbird) Bailey
Humble, Texas
—Never mind what Dan Eammons said, did you see 60 Minutes? We accept all kinds of drawings for the My Wheels section, as long as they're well-drawn and reproduceable. Why do you think everyone likes Trosley's stuff? His drawings are crisp, clear and well-defined. They also reproduce easily.

CARtoons,
Hey guys! Your magazine is cool. Plus, Trosley draws the greatest cars ever. I only have two issues, but they're both awesome. I still can't draw cars straight. Do you think I'm a hopeless case?
The How-To-Draw sections help me to draw that specific car, but when I try to draw another car I ruin the page with useless pencil marks. My problems are: I can't get the front or back ends right, and I can't get the wheels right either. Even so, I'll keep trying. I may not be able to draw cars yet, but I can write you guys a letter.
I love your My Wheels section. I also like your posters. But what's got me frozen to the spot is that the latest issue I bought didn't have any How-To-Draw sections. And I need them bad. Tell Trosley I really enjoy reading the Krass & Bernie toons. I also liked the ATV Contest Winners' drawings. They're rad. One more thing before I sign off. I would love it if you guys would publish CARtoons once each month.
Jason Flores
Webster, Texas
—It does take a lot of practice to learn how to draw anything extremely well—cars included. Many illustration courses taught in schools start by teaching how to draw and ink basic shapes, such as squares and circles, and the proper inking technique can turn a circle into a sphere. Stick with it. Many people who start by submitting a drawing now and then may end up on the pages of the magazine. Hang in there.

CARtoons,
I really dig your mag. No matter what anyone says, your lift-out posters are real neat. I just got my June 87 issue and laughed like crazy at David Howell's Howellwagens.
Who started the vicious rumor that CARtoons has no class? What are these CYCLEtoons, SKItoons, SURFtoons and RACINtoons that everyone's talking about? I've never heard of them.
I think you should do more ATVs. Why don't you publish monthly instead of bi-monthly? I hate the wait. I haven't seen any letters from Louisiana, so I thought I'd let you know that there are tooners down here, too. Keep on toonin.
Brian Stewart
Jonesboro, Louisiana
—Did somebody start a rumor that CARtoons has no class? We've never heard of RACINtoons either, but CYCLEtoons, SKItoons and SURFtoons were published by Petersen Publishing Company some years back, along with HOT ROD Cartoons and CARtoons. All but CARtoons gave way to inflation and the ever-increasing cost of printing and paper. With all these magazines, Petersen was issuing a cartoon book every couple weeks. CARtoons, being bi-monthly was simply part of the total output. Now that the others have retired, CARtoons is still bi-monthly. It stays that way because it takes a lot of production and printing company re-gearing to start a changed schedule. A lot of people are happy with CARtoons the way it is now, and we like to think if it works don't change it.

Hey you rad tooners!
I love your mag. I bought it two times before subscribing, because I never had the money.
I'd like to thank some of your ace artists: Trosley, Kerri, Hardin and Kohler. Trosley has helped improve my drawing 100% with his How-Tos. His comics, mainly K & B, are great! Kerri and Hardin have the funniest comics. Let's not forget Kohler's comic shorts!
I would like to see a picture of Kerri in one of your upcoming issues. Make her stand still! Also I would like to compliment you on your ATV and Mustang issues. My friend borrowed my ATV issue and liked it so much he never gave it back.
By the way, could you guys run an issue on Corvette?
Jon R. McConnell
Grant Park, Illinois
—We did do an issue on Corvettes sometime back, but we'll probably do another because of their popularity. The list of people that want to see Kerri's picture keeps getting longer and longer and longer . . .

Hey tooners . . .
Here is another note of praise for the outstanding work in the April issue. K & B was excellent as always, and I hope you MoPar fans are happy. A couple of bad things I noticed: no How-To-Draw and you wasted four pages for that stupid National Star Ragazine. I agree with some of the letters pointing out Kohler's fine work. As always, Trosley, Hardin, Kerri and the rest were extraordinary. How about a special Camaro issue? Additional requests for the How-To-Draw: 68 Z-28, 56 T-Bird, 308GT and a 59 Chevy Impala and I'll send for George's book.
Scott Smith
Grapeview, Washington
—See, Scott, you were right, we did print your letter. Although it doesn't seem like it sometimes, we really do try to please all our readers out there. We know it's frustrating sometimes to wait for your favorite car to appear, but remember we're dancin as fast as we can . . .

Dear CARtoons,
You put out a great magazine. I have only just started to receive it. I enjoy seeing the different ways you make fun of Chevys and Mustangs.
I know I have no real ground for saying this, but why don't you do an issue on Mopars like Coronets, Chargers and Barracudas from the 60s? If you have already done one already, could you tell me what issue it was in? If not, I can only guess that you cannot make fun of a good solid car.
To Quick Irv: if you want a car to last 200,000 miles, try for a 69 two-door Coronet. My husband-to-be had his for three years and 200,000 miles plus two known drivers before it gave its last all. It was the most stylish car and it traveled well and fast if need be.
I received this magazine as a gift, but I have no idea who to thank. May I suggest that you do like Sports Illustrated and send a card with the first issue if it is sent as a gift. It would be very helpful to know where it came from.
I have another suggestion. Everyone is asking for CARtoons in color. Why

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don't you put out just one before Christmas? For subscribers add it to the yearly rate if he or she wants it. As for the newsstand price; you double it. It does very well in England for all kinds of magazines. So, I think people who are into this wonderful magazine will dish out the extra money. Keep doing a super job.
Christine Squirrel
Old Greenwich, Connecticut
—Quick Irv says he really likes his 68 Cadillac, but his problem is finding a place to park it: it's eighteen and a half feet long. He and Editor Ellefson measured it with a tape in Ellefson's driveway which it was taking most of. On gift subscriptions: we have no way of knowing who sent the sub either, unless the person specifically requests that a card be sent. So . . . as for coloring CARtoons, we have no immediate plans for that. Besides, Quick Irv got all upset when Ted Turner colorized "It's A Wonderful Life" and was talking about coloring "Casablanca." Some things are best left undone. Also you'll notice that comic books that are in color have an awful lot of ads in them. We run ads from time to time, but usually those that appeal to our readers' interests. Thanks for the words.

CARtoons,
Hi, I'm a model collector. I'm 13 and I love CARtoons. I bought my first issue in 85, August 85 to be exact. And I said to myself: this is some good stuff. That's too bad about Erica's column. I really liked it, but what's done is done.

A lot of people have been saying: we want MoPars. I say: I want more 50s cars. I've been collecting 50s models for a while now. Other than models, you guys are number one. I love to draw and everyone says I'm good, but I can only draw profiles. I'm trying. Trosley is helping me a lot on my drawing. My dream is to design my own car and you guys are helping me through. Another thing people are asking for is Shawn Kerri's photo. Can you try to get it? Put a homing device on her. I like the posters and Quick Irv's letters column. I hope no one ruins it.
Nigel Belanger
Briant, Michigan
—We don't think anybody is going to ruin Quick Irv's column. He's old enough to take care of himself. We think. Anyway, lots of luck on designing your car.

Dear CARtoons,
How's it going, eh? I just got the latest issue (April) and there were a few things missing. What happened to Trosley's How-To-Draw? That improved my drawing 100 percent. Steve Austin didn't have anything in that issue. How come? I love the humor in his stories.

Great work by Kevin Warren on his ATV of the future. That was the first contest I sent in to and I've been buying CARtoons since September 1982. I found my first issue in Duluth, Minnesota. I read it all the way home. It's great that you got subs now. Around here you can find CARtoons in corner stores. How much Canadian is Trosley's How-To-Draw book, eh?

Krass and Bernie are great. I love their stories, especially the Muscle Car story. I like the lift-out posters better than the Iron-Ons. I never tried them. Rogerio's poster is cool. Shawn Kerri's stories are great. I love her humor. Why don't you go monthly? It's too long to wait two months. Have you thought about a cartoon on TV? I guess it would cost a lot. Well, I just thought I would drop a few lines from the Great White North. It's not that cold up here. Great skiing in the winter anyway.
Murray McLeod
Thunder Bay, Canada
—Trosley was busy doing things other than the How-To for that issue, like the color layout for the back cover. He sometimes likes to do things other than the How-To, so we let him. Austin was busy working on some stuff for an upcoming issue. And I think you've discovered one of the reasons way we don't go monthly. We're not sure what the exchange rate is these days. Trosley's book is $9.00 U.S.

Dear tooners,
This letter is mainly to give my thanks for letting me be a runner-up in your ATV of the future contest. I am very honored, plus it gave me a certain fame at my school. Well, since I'm writing I'll throw in a couple of paragraphs on other subjects.

I received your June issue in the mail. Like I said in my last letter which appeared in the October 86 issue: they just keep getting better every time I receive one. You people sure know how to appeal to the need for speed in all of us. I really liked Jim Lawson's art in

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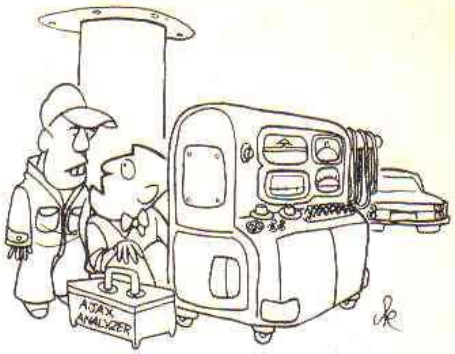

"Yes, plugged into an outlet—first—everytime."

the My Wheels section. Jim, wherever you are, you're tops. Oh, and I must not forget Scott CARter, who's in that section a lot. I shall say that the lift-out poster by Steve Austin puts a lot of others to shame. I rank him number one in your mag.

I'm a chevy Classics fan. I've seen a lot of 55s and 57s in the magazine, but how about a 58? It's sort of nice to see a rare classic once in a while. I'm not complaining, I'm just saying it would be nice.

I don't know if there are any other Falcon fans out there, but I sure am. I don't remember seeing any 62s in your mag recently. I guess I just have weird taste. Anybody out there agree with me?

I agree with a lot of the other letter writers. I would love to see a picture of Shawn Kerri. If she is so camera-shy, why don't you have Steve Austin draw a picture of her for us all. We don't want to see any more drawings of good ole Dennis—we want Shawn!

I love CARtoons and thanks again in the contest. Viva CARtoons . . .
Tim Work
Tuttle, Oklahoma
—You don't have to thank us for being a runner-up. You did it. Your drawing followed the rules of the contest. It as well-drawn, easily reproduceable and, since you wanted to keep the original, it was a good copy, black on white. And it had your name and address on it. Are you other guys listening? And we thought it was spiffy.

It would be kind of tough for Steve to do a drawing of Shawn, since she lives in San Diego and he lives in Fresno. However, take heart, we're still working on getting the photo.

Yo CARtoons,
I've just received my first issue of CARtoons (April) and even though I'm a newcomer, I love your mag! The very idea of combining two wonderful concepts: hot rodding and cartooning kicks the pants off the Reese's peanut

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butter cups, I can tell you! This musclecar issue featuring Krass and Bernie's adventure with that radically drawn Plymouth Superbird was a rad touch—especially for us MoPar fans! Thanx, Trosley.

And speaking of rad, I must confess even though it's my first issue, I LOVE MALLORY REDLINE! Leslie Reynolds is a genius and I want to know all about her and Mal and her rad 55 Chevy. I'm a Chevy fan, too. Also, I'd like to know what she means by racin for pinks. Keep up the rad work.

Alan Paz
Cerritos, California

—Leslie is a '55 Chevy fan, too. In fact, we think she builds them by the dozen in her backyard when she's not drawing Mallory or doing other artwork. Pinks, don't you know, are titles, certificates of ownership that you wager by racin . . .

Dear CARtoons,

Why don't Krass and Bernie ever have an adventure with a Lamborghini, Porsche or Ferrari?

Aaron Perini
Alberta, Canada

—Gee . . . we'll have to ask them . . . and talk to George about it. But we really don't think those are their kinds of cars unless they win the lottery or something.

Dear Mr. Ellefson,

I started reading your magazine three years ago, and have almost every issue since then. I don't work on cars myself, but I am very interested in them. CARtoons is a humorous view of the automotive world that is a piece of art in itself.

My favorite series is Krass and Bernie. Those two come up with the hottest, most outrageous cars on the track or street. I especially enjoyed the issue where they stuck up for Rodders' rights to customs without ratings or censorship.

Your articles are first-rate, and I would like to give them my compliments. It's too bad that Corresponding Erica was junked. It seemed a good thing. But I guess all good things must end.

As I stated, CARtoons is a great magazine full of comedy and subtle statements about movies, politics, etc. and wit. May CARtoons never be sent to the junkyard. Car-dially . . .

Katy Spencer
Spencer, Iowa

—You noticed that, huh? Thanks for the kind words, they're the kind of words we like to hear.

Dear toonies,

Your mag is the best. I love the How-To section. I've learned a lot from it. K & B is awesome. Dig this: my MOM even likes it! I got my first issue two and a half years ago in Hawaii. Why don't you guys print the mag every month? That would be bad. Also, I'm gettin' tired of posters. I only got four or five Iron-Ons. Thanks for printing a mag like this! What happened to HOT ROD Cartoons and CYCLEtoons?

Rex Ziegler
Kansas city, Missouri

—Tell your mom we said hello. We were having a lot of production problems with the Iron-Ons. The quality of the posters is much easier to maintain, so we are sticking with those. Petersen once published five cartoons magazines all of which were discontinued in favor of CARtoons, it being the oldest and best liked of the lot.

Dear Quick Irv,

I was very upset to hear that you don't carry back issues anymore. I have the Sept/Oct issue of 1981 and am missing five years of CARtoons up to April 86. I wanted to ask you if you know anyone with a CYCLEtoons magazine. Krass and Bernie are the greatest, and they keep getting better and better. In the next issue of CARtoons I was wondering if you could ask Trosley if he would show all of us GTO fans how to draw them.

Scott Sullivan
Denver, Colorado

—Please see the letters by Selmar Schreinders and Don Smith in this issue. They have back issues for sale and we've run their addresses. You might try writing to them.

Hi,

I am 36, married and have a thirteen year old son. When I was his age I loved to rush out and buy every issue from our local store, and am glad to learn, first-hand, from him that he is improving his reading comprehension/language arts developmental skills with your monthly issues. I "borrowed" CARtoons, April 87, from my son, and still enjoy it after a hard day of work.

J. Janus, Jr.
Blue Ash, Ohio

—Gee, dad, thanks for the kind words. We'll try not to misspell any words, because when we do, one of those language-arts skilled 13-year-olds catches us at it.

Kohler's WIRED FOR WEIRDNESS

"It's doin' it again to the 8-cylinder jobs."

Kohler's WIRED FOR WEIRDNESS

". . . and this is our Imports diagnostic center."

Yo toons,

I've only read one of your mags, but I really like the one I have, April 87. I really liked Shawn Kerri's Yackety Yak. Tell her I really like her work. I happen to REALLY love 65 and 66 Mustangs, and was wondering if you will have another Mustang special. Where may I find the first one? Please be sure to tell Kohler and Trosley their stuff is great. I can't stop reading it. I think you should have more contests, My Wheels and more How-Tos in your already rad mag!

Timothy Emanuel
Jacksonville, North Carolina

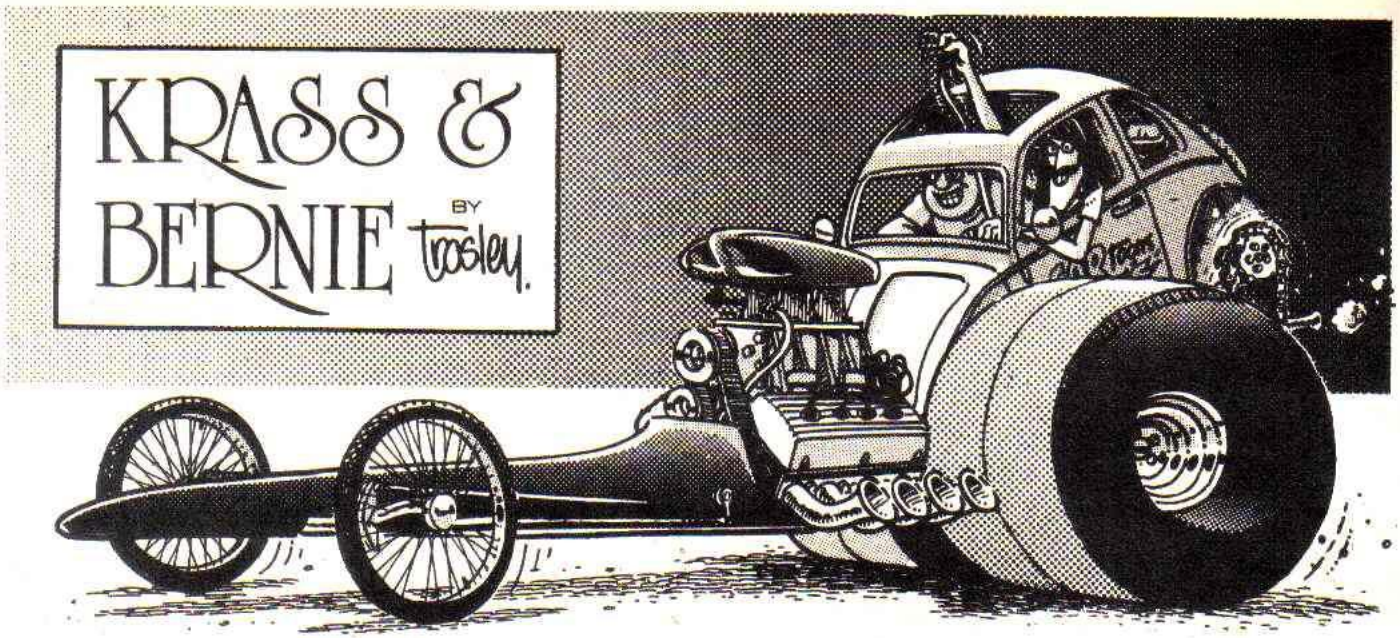
—The Mustang special issue was a complete sellout. A lot of extra copies were bought up by Mustang clubs around the country. In fact, copies of that issue are harder to find than pictures of Shawn Kerri.

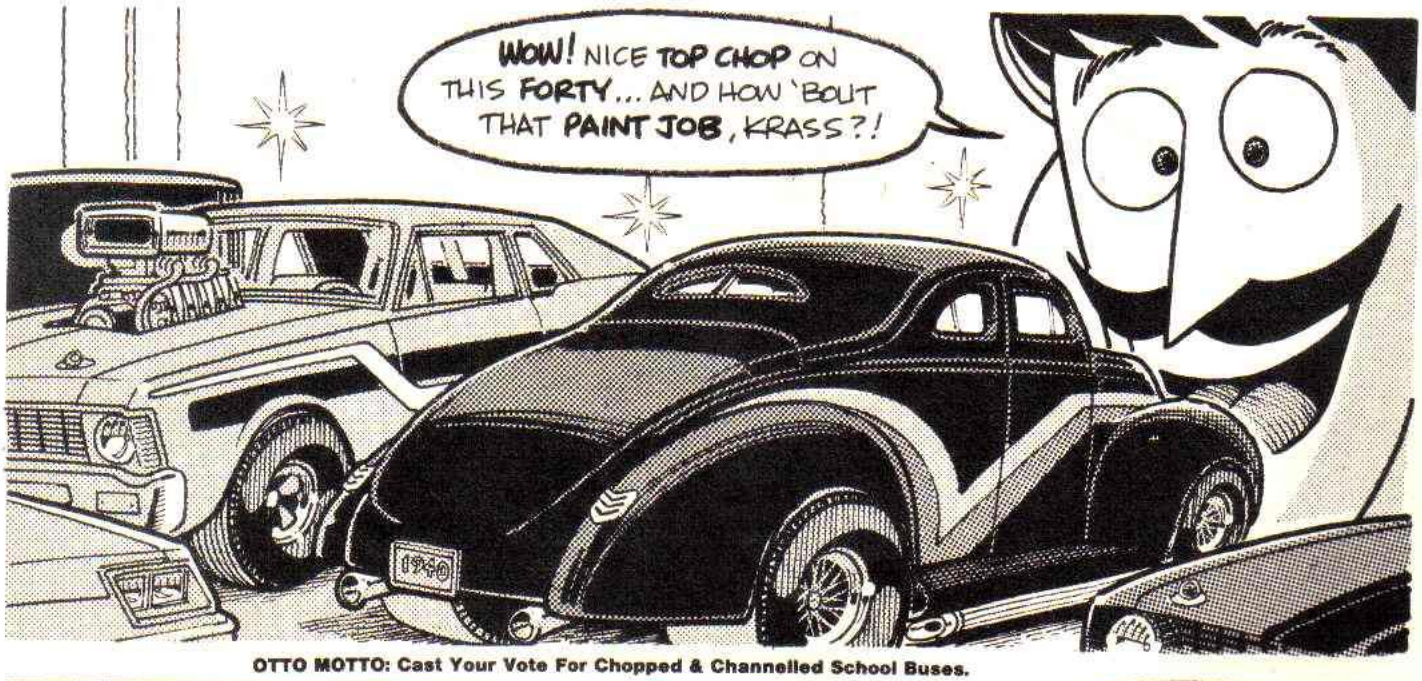
Hi,

I just started reading CARtoons. One letter I read it said you once had Iron-Ons in the mag. Maybe you could put them back in for a while. I think the ATV stuff was cool and the Heavy on Chevy was good. The part I like the most is My Wheels. Have an ATV II issue. Please send me the December issue.

Eric Tornblom
Absecon, New Jersey

—We dropped the Iron-Ons in favor of the lift-out poster. We were simply having too many production problems with the Iron-Ons. The Mustang issue, was a complete sell out. Wish we could.





OTTO MOTTO: Cast Your Vote For Chopped & Channelled School Buses.

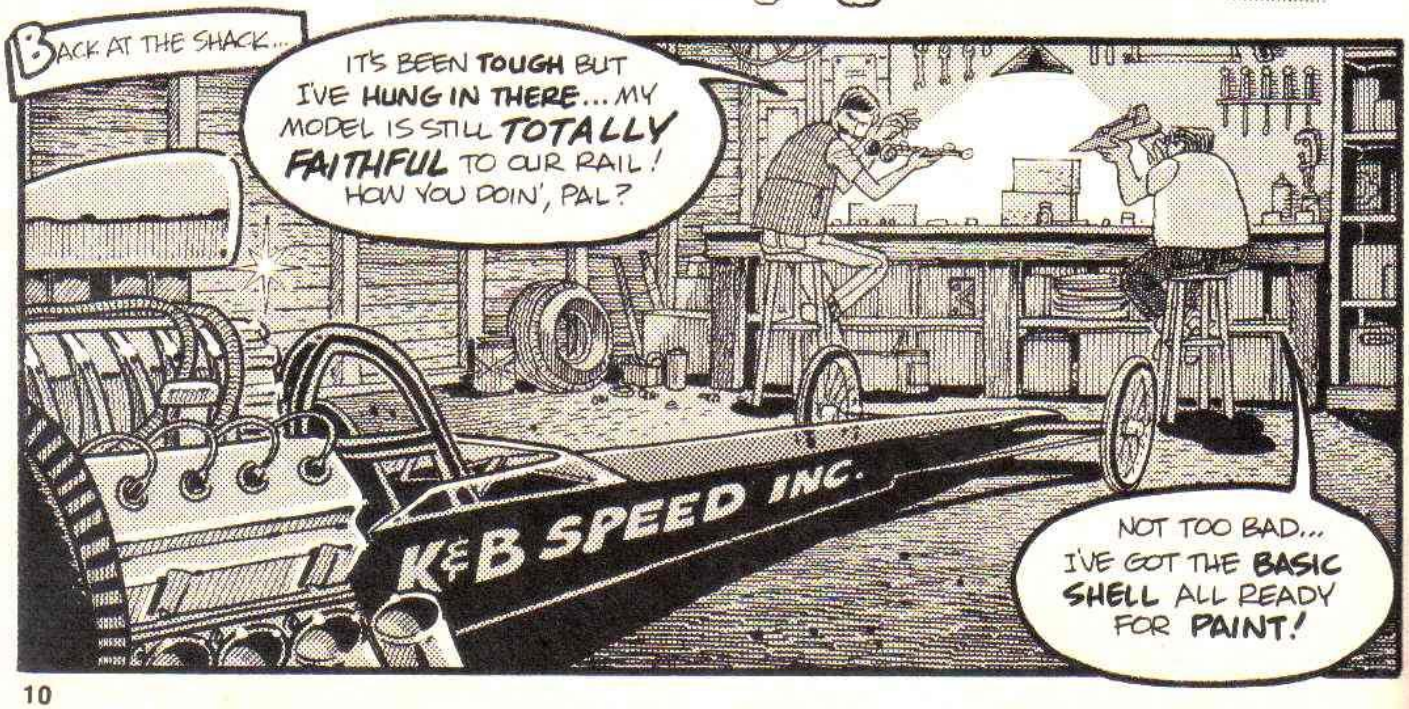
IT'S THE F-19 STEALTH FIGHTER KIT...THE ONE THAT'S CAUSING A BIG COMMOTION!
OVER WHAT ?
F-19 Stealth Fighter

I THINK WASHINGTON FELT ALOT OF IT'S SPECIFICATIONS SHOULD HAVE BEEN KEPT TOP SECRET! NOW, ANYONE CAN BUY THIS VERY ACCURATE MODEL OF THE PLANE...
F-19 Stealth Fighter

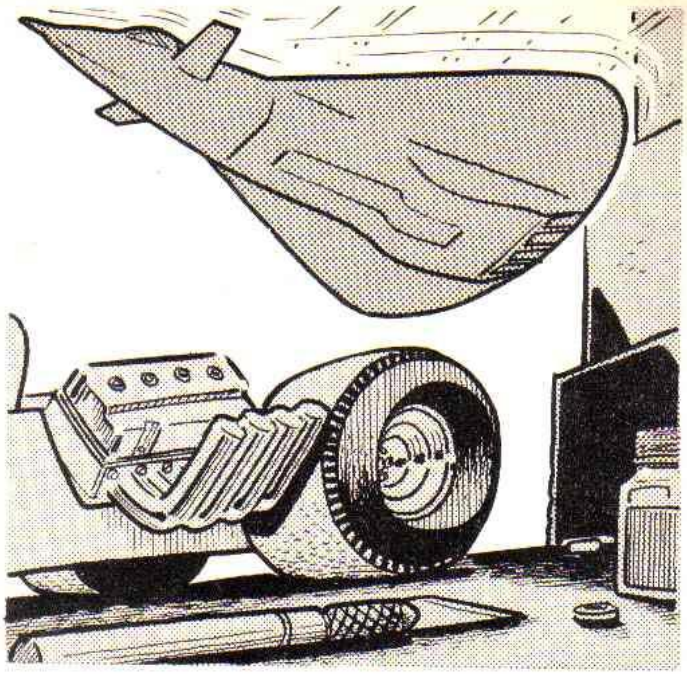
LIKE ME!
HA! BUY YOUR AIRPLANE MODEL! I'M GONNA GET THIS DRAGSTER KIT!

AND I'M GONNA BUILD A SCALE MODEL OF OUR NEW RAIL JOB WITH IT!
GREAT! I'M KEEPIN' MY STEALTH FIGHTER 100% ACCURATE TOO!

NO WILD FITS OF CREATIVE MADNESS...
RIGHT! JUST SAFE & SANE!


BACK AT THE SHACK...
IT'S BEEN TOUGH BUT I'VE HUNG IN THERE... MY MODEL IS STILL TOTALLY FAITHFUL TO OUR RAIL! HOW YOU DOIN', PAL?
K&B SPEED INC.
NOT TOO BAD... I'VE GOT THE BASIC SHELL ALL READY FOR PAINT!

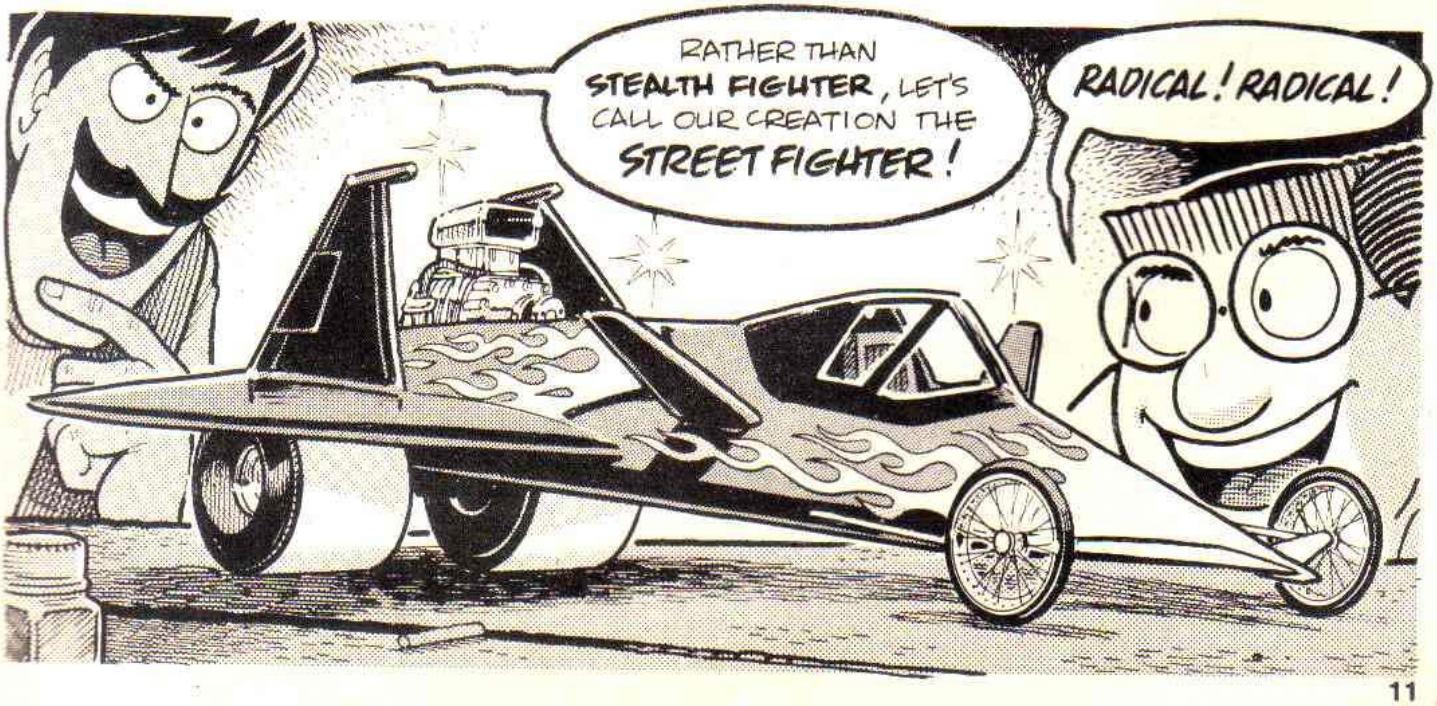
BERN... LOOK OUT!
WHOOOPSS
BUMP



CAREFUL, BERN... YOU KNOCKED MY PLANE ON TO YOUR DRAGSTER!
WAIT A MINUTE KRASS... LOOK AT IT! A HOLE FOR THE ENGINE... SOME TRICK PAINT...

YEAAA.... AND WE'VE GOT A REAL WINNER!
EXACTLY!

WHAT HAPPENED TO SAFE & SANE?
ONE PAGE OF THAT STUFF IS MORE THAN ENOUGH!
ZZZZ ZZZZZZZ ZZZZ
PSSHHT PSSHHT PSSHHT

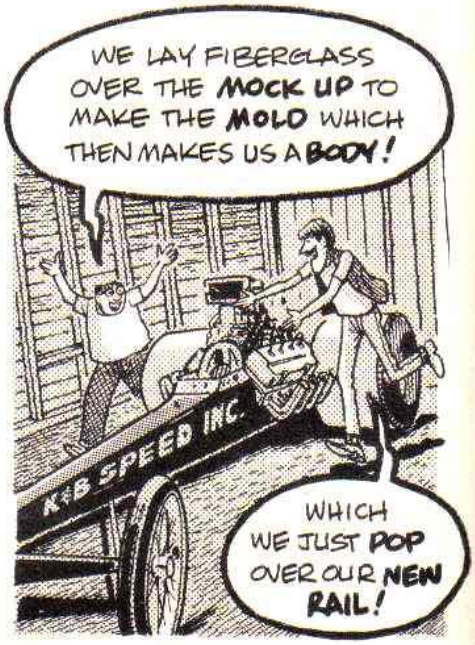

RATHER THAN STEALTH FIGHTER, LET'S CALL OUR CREATION THE STREET FIGHTER!
RADICAL! RADICAL!

NEXT DAY...
HERE'S OUR ENTRY MR. FREY... THE STREET FIGHTER!
WOW...
AWESOME!
STREET FIGHTER
TOTALLY RAD!

Y'KNOW BERN... I WAS JUST THINKING...
THOSE GUYS ALWAYS BUILD THE WILDEST MODELS!
HOW DO THEY COME UP WITH IDEAS LIKE THAT?
I GIVE UP!

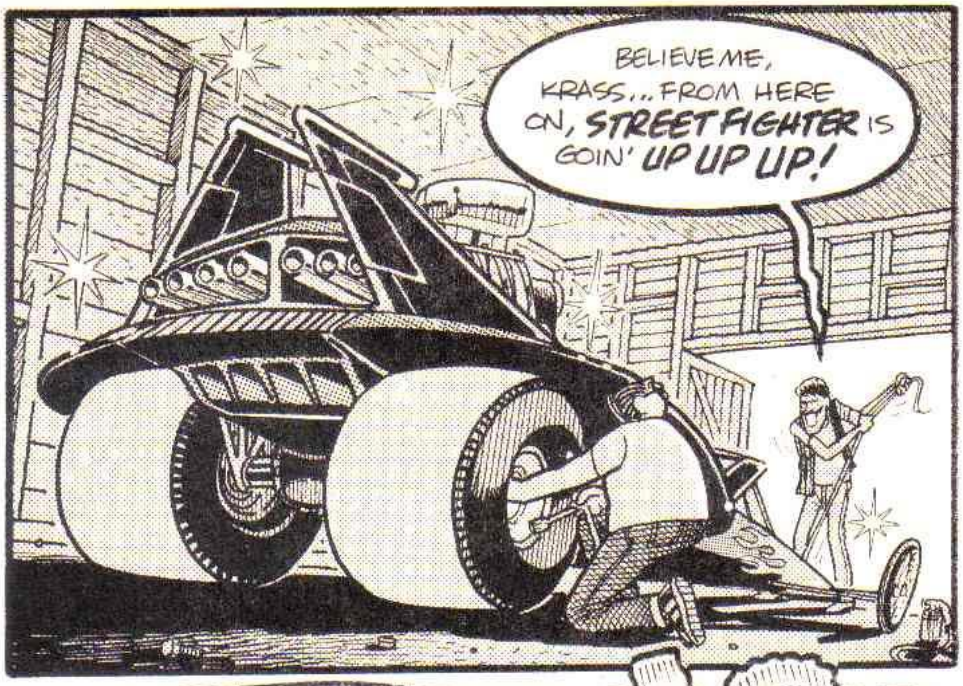
WHAT IF WE BUILD A FULL SCALE STREET FIGHTER?!
YOU MEAN OUT OF FIBERGLASS?

YEA... WE'D HAVE TO BUILD A WOODEN MOCK UP...
NO PROBLEM... WE'VE GOT ALL THE SPECS IN THE KIT'S INSTRUCTION MANUAL!

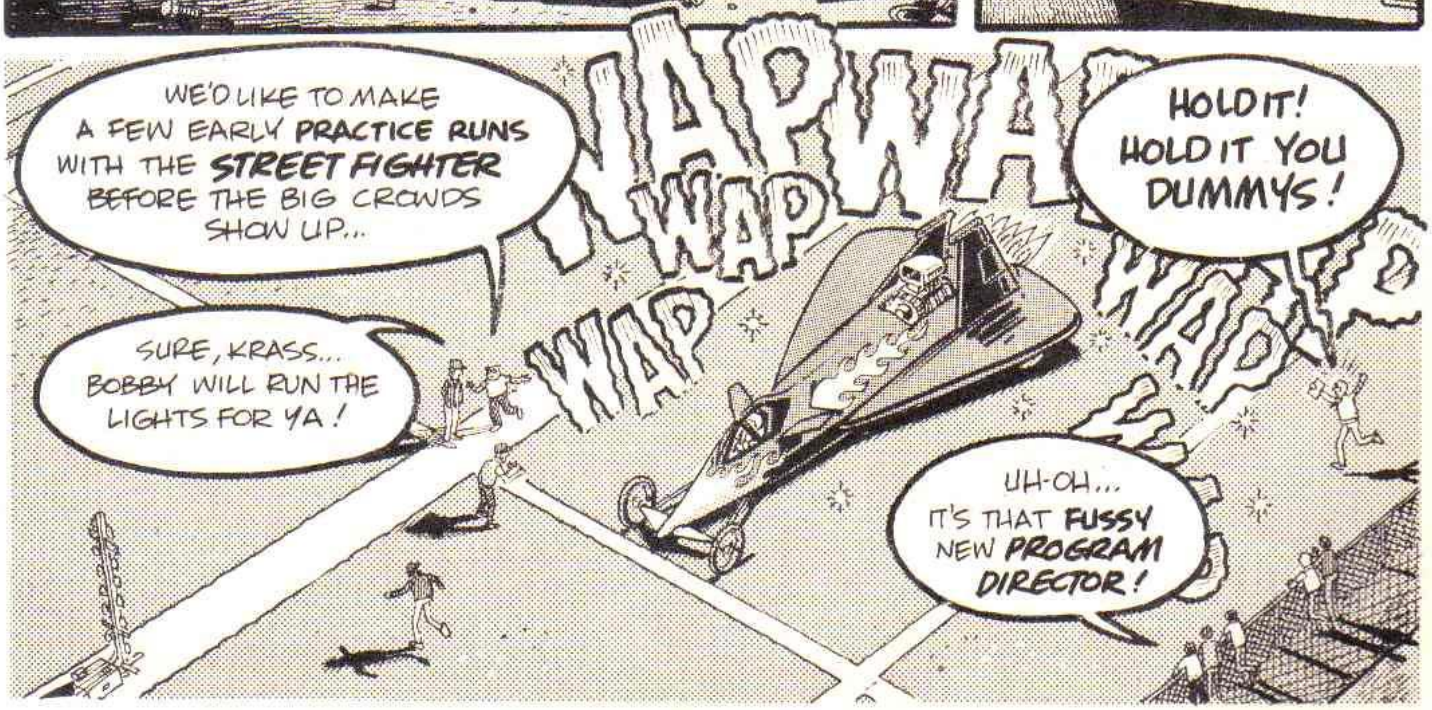

WE LAY FIBERGLASS OVER THE MOCK UP TO MAKE THE MOLD WHICH THEN MAKES US A BODY!
K&B SPEED INC.
WHICH WE JUST POP OVER OUR NEW RAIL!

THE DRAGSTRIP HEARD ABOUT OUR PROJECT AND JUST OFFERED US FREE ENTRY AND REGISTRATION TO RUN IT THERE FIRST!
ALLRIGHT!

IT'S JUST THE BEGINNING PAL! SOON WE'LL BE PAID MAJOR BUCKS TO RUN STREET FIGHTER AT ALL THE BIG STRIPS IN THE COUNTRY!
NOT TO MENTION THE WINTER SHOW CIRCUIT!


BELIEVE ME, KRASS... FROM HERE ON, STREET FIGHTER IS GOIN' UP UP UP!

THE BOSS SAID TO SEND YOU RIGHT THROUGH... HE'S GOT THE BEST SPOT IN THE PITS RESERVED FOR YOU...
THANKS!
K&B SP


WE'D LIKE TO MAKE A FEW EARLY PRACTICE RUNS WITH THE STREET FIGHTER BEFORE THE BIG CROWDS SHOW UP...
SURE, KRASS... BOBBY WILL RUN THE LIGHTS FOR YA!
WAP WAP WAP WAP WAP
HOLD IT! HOLD IT YOU DUMMYS!
UH-OH... IT'S THAT FUSSY NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR!

NOTHING GOES DOWN THIS STRIP UNLESS IT'S ON MY LIST! DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?!!
YOU'RE THE OWNER'S BROTHER-IN-LAW THE NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR!

C'MON YOU FOOL... GET OUT OF THAT THING!
WHAT?

I'LL DO IT!!! HOW DO YOU TURN THIS CONTRAPTION OFF?!!
WHAT'S UP, KRASS?
I DUNNO!

ONE OF THESE SWITCHES OR PEDALS OUGHT TO DO IT...
WOAHHHH!
SEEEEEEEE
OH NO, KRASS... HE LAUNCHED IT!
... AND LOOK... HE'S STANDIN' ON IT!
BOY, IT SEEMS LIKE THE THING WANTS TO FLY, BERNIE!!!
YEA KRASS... JUST WHAT THAT BODY WAS DESIGNED TO DO IN THE FIRST PLACE! OH NO!
YAAAAAA
A SPECIAL TREAT FOR YOU EARLY BIRDS TODAY... OUR NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR IS NOT ONLY GOING AFTER THE WORLD'S LAND SPEED RECORD, HE'S GOING FOR THE SOUND BARRIER TOO!
YAAAAA
BUREAU OF AERONAUTICS, KID... DO YOU KNOW THE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF A KRASS AND A BERNIE AND AN F-19 STEALTH FIGHTER?
NOT AT THE MOMENT, DUDE... BUT IF YOU SEE 'EM TELL 'EM THEY WON THE MODEL CONTEST!
CONGRATULATIONS BERN...
THANKS!
BIG BRO
End

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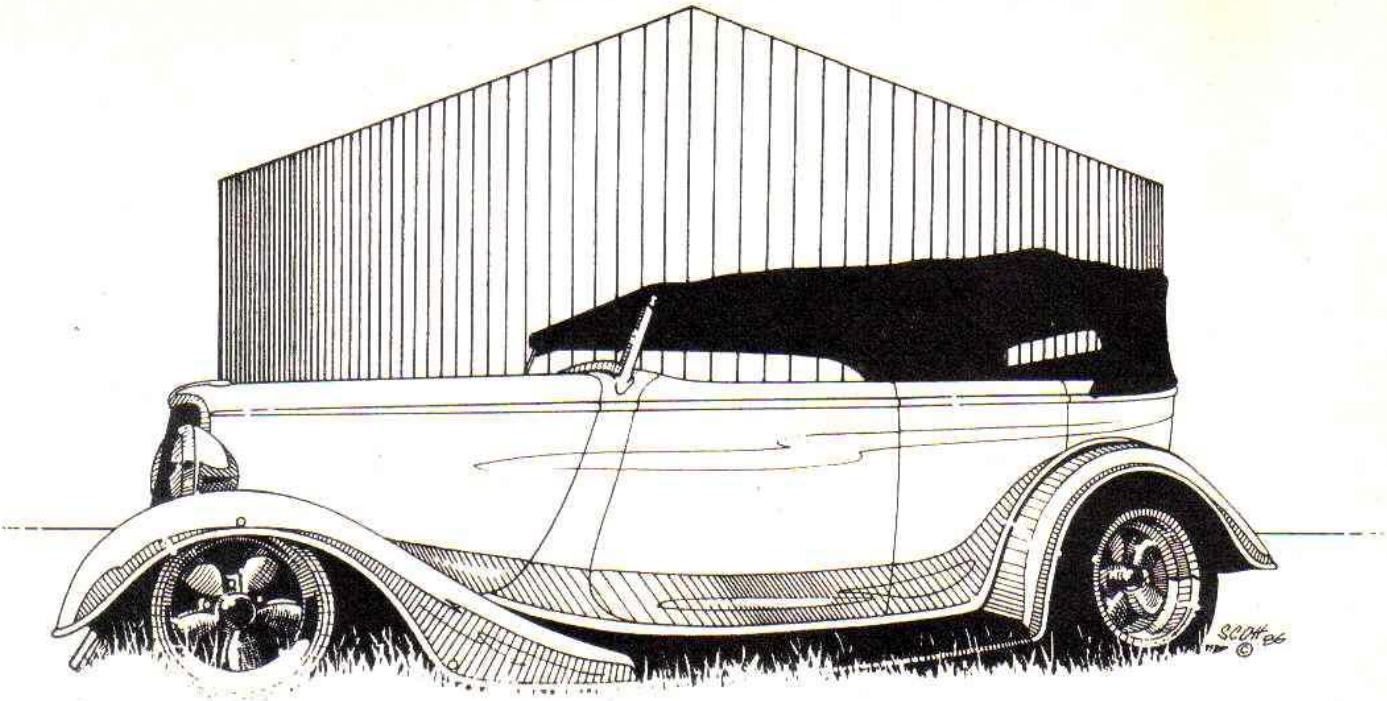
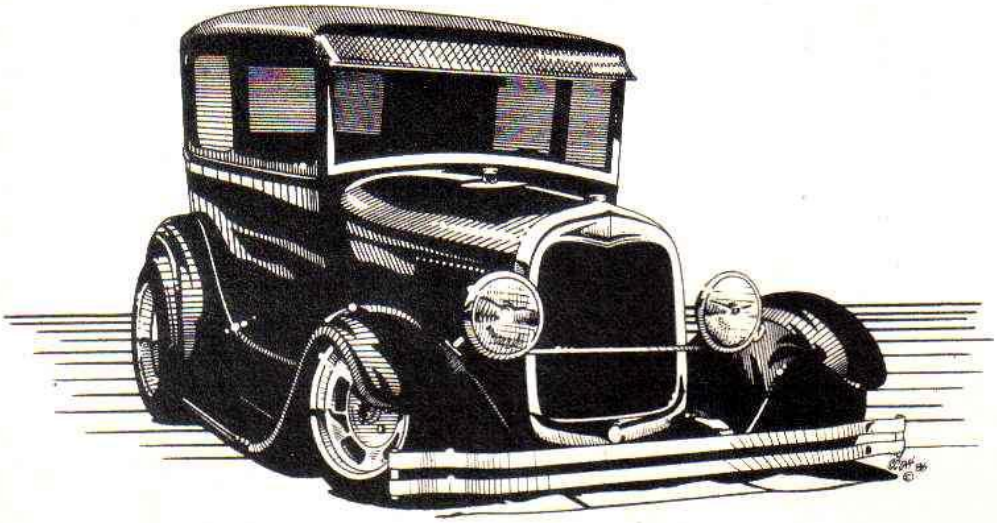
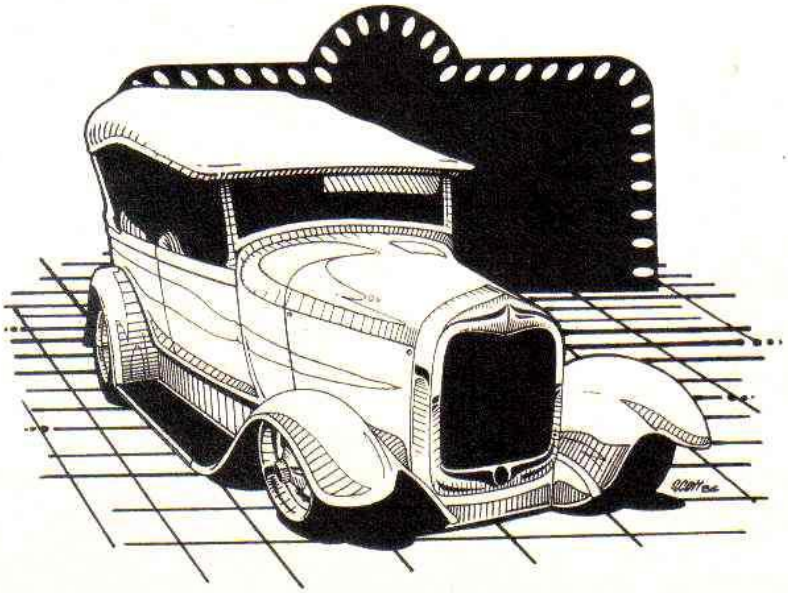




lil' wheels

Featuring the automotive art of Scott CARter



OTTO MOTTO: Authentic Headlights Have Faces.

Driver's License Test

TOO BUSY TO STUDY FOR A DRIVER'S LICENSE? TOO OLD? TOO YOUNG? TWO LEFT FEET? TOO WACKO?!? WHATEVER YOUR PROBLEM, **HERE'S** THE SOLUTION! NOW YOU CAN GO FOR YOUR VERY OWN LICENSE--IN THE COMFORT AND PRIVACY OF YOUR VERY OWN HOME...OR GARAGE*...

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

WHEN THE SPEED LIMITS SIGN SAYS "35"... IT REALLY MEANS: A) YOU CAN ADD 15% FOR SPEEDOMETER ERROR B) SLOW FOR 35 OTHER CARS WHO MUST PASS HASTILY C) IT'S A TRUE OR FALSE QUIZ: "THERE ARE 35 MINUTES PER HOUR"... OBVIOUSLY "FALSE"!

A FLASHING RED LIGHT MEANS: A) YOU BETTER STOP B) YOU BETTER STOP... EVEN QUICKER THAN THAT! C) THE RED LIGHT IS ABOUT TO BURN OUT D) STOP BLINKING YOUR EYES SO MUCH!

THIS SIGN MEANS: A) SOMEONE CHOPPED THE CORNERS OFF A SQUARE STOP-SIGN B) STOP WHATEVER YOUR CONSCIENCE TELLS YOU YOU SHOULDN'T BE DOING C) THE ADVERTISING AGENCY DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO SPELL "STP". D) NONE OF THE ABOVE E) SOME OF THE ABOVE F) MOST OF THE ABOVE G) C'MON--MAKE UP YOUR MIND!

"A DRIVER'S LICENSE IS A LOT LIKE 'ARTISTIC' LICENSE": TRUE OR FALSE

WHEN YOU SEE A SIGN LIKE THIS, IT MEANS: A) SLOW! B) STOP! C) THERE'S A PYRAMID AHEAD D) SOMEONE'S BEEN GOING AROUND PAINTING THE SIGNS BLACK!

TRUE OR FALSE: "YOU SHOULD FLUSH YOUR RADIATOR EVERY TIME YOU USE IT!"

A SOLID YELLOW LINE MEANS: A) THE HIGHWAY IS A COWARD! B) SOMEBODY GOT A GOOD DEAL ON YELLOW PAINT! C) SOMEBODY'S COUSIN OWNS A YELLOW PAINT FACTORY D) YOU'RE PROBABLY SOMEWHERE NEAR THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD!

THIS IS: A) A NEW KIND OF BREAKFAST CEREAL B) A SPARE TIRE C) A DOUGHNUT D) A STEERING DOUGHNUT

AN "ODOMETER" IS: A) A METER THAT COUNTS HOW MANY TIMES YOU SAY "OH DOM" B) A DEVICE TO COUNT ODO'S C) NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!

A SPARE TIRE IS: A) USUALLY FOUND AROUND DRIVERS WHO DON'T GET MUCH EXERCISE B) A BOWLING EXPRESSION C) USUALLY FLAT WHEN YOU NEED IT D) USUALLY UNDER ALL YOUR LUGGAGE WHEN YOU NEED IT.

IF YOU FIND YOURSELF GOING THE WRONG WAY ON A ONE-WAY STREET: A) SEE IF YOU CAN SCREAM LOUDER THAN YOUR HORN B) QUICKLY FIND OUT IF YOU PRACTISED THE "MOONSHINER'S 180" ENOUGH C) BLUFF... ACT LIKE EVERYONE ELSE IS GOING THE WRONG WAY D) START WRITING YOUR WILL ON THE SUN-VISOR

POLICE RADAR IS: A) EASILY JAMMED BY RAPIDLY CHEWING GUM WITH THE FOIL WRAPPER LEFT ON IT B) DETECTED BY USING A DIVINING ROD C) SNEAKY! D) TAKING ALL THE FUN OUT OF DRIVING E) HANDY FOR MICROWAVING HOT DOGS

55 IS AN UNLUCKY NUMBER:

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THE SECRET OF SUCCESSFUL PARALLEL PARKING IS: A) WAIT 'TIL YOU LINE UP WITH THE CAR AHEAD B) WAIT UNTIL YOU LINE UP WITH VENUS AND SATURN C) GET SOMEONE ELSE TO PARK IT FOR YOU D) KEEP DRIVING UNTIL YOU COME TO A...

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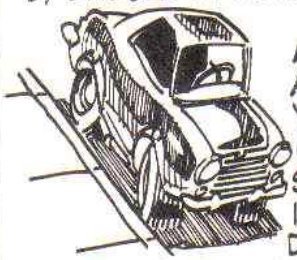
*OR WHATEVER STRANGE PLACE YOU CHOOSE TO READ YOUR FAVORITE MAGAZINE

PLACE YOU CAN *ANGLE* PARK

PEDESTRIANS: A) OFTEN HAVE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY B) ARE A NUISANCE C) SHOULD HAVE TO WEAR CRASH HELMETS AND ROLL CAGES D) SHOULD HAVE TO WEAR LICENSE PLATES

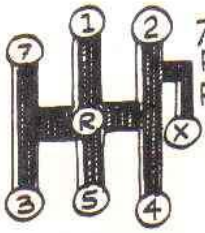


WHEN PARKING ON A HILL: A) MAKE SURE YOUR PARKING BRAKE IS IN GOOD SHAPE B) MAKE SURE YOUR INSURANCE IS IN GOOD SHAPE C) PRAY D) CARRY SEVERAL FEET OF HEAVY CHAIN AND AN *ANCHOR*

TO COME TO A COMPLETE STOP FROM 180 MPH TAKES: A) DISC BRAKES AND A DRAG 'CHUTE B) A BLONDE IN A BIKINI, HITCH-HIKING C) LOTS OF WILL-POWER D) A *190* MPH *POLICE* CAR BEHIND YOU

THIS DRIVER: A) IS SIGNALING A 540-DEGREE TURN B) JUST LEFT A WASHROOM THAT DIDN'T HAVE *TOWELS* C) WANTS YOU TO PASS...*UNDER* HIM D) IS KEEPING HIS OPTIONS OPEN

TO REPAIR A MALFUNCTIONING ENGINE-CONTROL COMPUTER COMPONENT: A) ASK THE KID NEXT DOOR WHO KEEPS BUGGING YOUR PHONE CONVERSATIONS B) KICK IT C) TRY WIRING YOUR WALKIE-TALKIE CB INTO IT D) KICK IT *TWICE*



THIS DIAGRAM: A) IS A SHIFT PATTERN FOR A 1987 BENZO-FERGHINI 3-WHEEL DRIVE B) IS AN AERIAL VIEW OF THE *CARtoons* PARKING LOT C) HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH DRIVING D) IS WORTH A LOT OF MONEY IF YOU SELL IT TO THE RUSSIANS

TRUE OR FALSE: "IT'S OKAY FOR DRAG STRIPS TO USE "CHRISTMAS TREES" TO START RACES IN MONTHS *OTHER* THAN DECEMBER"

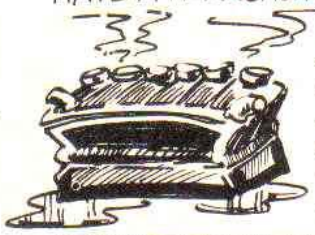
IF YOU HAVE DIFFICULTY IN GETTING YOUR CAR STARTED, YOU SHOULD: A) KICK IT B) SELL IT C) TALK TO IT CONVINCINGLY D) PHONE THE AUTO CLUB E) SPRING FOR ANOTHER GALLON OF GAS F) TRY YOUR HOUSE KEYS G) TRY YOUR PHI BETA KAPPA KEY H) TRY THE KEY OF "C" ♫

YOU'VE LOCKED YOUR CAR--WITH THE ONLY SET OF KEYS IN IT. YOU: A) KICK IT B) KICK ANYTHING C) LOOK FOR A COAT-HANGER TO SLIP IN THROUGH A WINDOW D) LOOK FOR A CAR THIEF TO DO YOU A FAVOR E) LOOK FOR SOMETHING SUITABLE FOR SMASHING A WINDOW F) CLIMB IN THROUGH AN OPEN WINDOW

IF YOU'VE FILLED YOUR GAS TANK AND FIND YOU STILL HAVEN'T BOUGHT ENOUGH GAS TO QUALIFY FOR THE FREE SET OF PICTORAL PLACE MATS, DEPICTING 'GREAT MOMENTS IN PARALLEL PARKING' YOU SHOULD: A) FILL UP THE BACK SEAT, ALSO B) ASK IF YOU CAN COME BACK LATER FOR THE REST C) SEND $675 TO ANY OF THE *CARtoons* CARTOONISTS AND WE'LL *DRAW* YOU YOUR *OWN* SET OF "GREAT MOMENTS"... D) WHINE ALL THE WAY HOME

YOU SHOULD GET READY FOR DRIVING IN SNOW BY: A) MOVING TO SOME PLACE LIKE PALM SPRINGS, MIAMI BEACH, OR PUERTO VALLARTA B) START SHOPPING AROUND FOR EIGHT TINY REINDEER C) INCREASE YOUR INSURANCE D) KEEP A PAIR OF SNOWSHOES IN THE GLOVE COMPARTMENT.

IF YOU SUDDENLY REALIZE THAT YOU'RE IN A SKID YOU SHOULD: A) CHECK THE REGISTRATION TO FIND OUT WHAT YEAR AND MODEL *SKID* IT IS (SOME OF THEM ARE VERY RARE, AND WORTH A LOT OF MONEY) B) TURN THE STEERING WHEEL IN THE SAME DIRECTION AS YOU'RE SPINNING...SEE HOW DIZZY YOU CAN GET C) HONK THE HORN, TURN ON THE 4-WAY FLASHERS, AND LOOK FOR THE OWNER'S MANUAL D) CHECK YOUR PARACHUTE AND BAIL OUT E) BAIL OUT EVEN IF YOU *DON'T* HAVE A PARACHUTE



A DEAD BATTERY: A) CAN BE REVIVED WITH ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION B) SHOULD BE BURIED BEFORE IT BEGINS TO SMELL FUNNY C) CAN BE RECHARGED BY PARKING WITHIN 35 FEET OF A NUCLEAR REACTOR D) CAN BE RECHARGED BY PARKING WITHIN A HALF-MILE OF A

CONTINUED...

NUCLEAR EXPLOSION E) STILL CONTAINS ENOUGH POWER TO RUN A PACEMAKER OR A "WALKMAN" FOR SEVERAL HOURS

WHEN CHOOSING A GASOLINE, YOU SHOULD: A) FILL A MAYONNAISE JAR WITH EACH BRAND AND COUNT THEIR OCTANES B) PICK THE BRAND WITH THE MOST GIVEAWAY GOODIES C) DON'T BOTHER-- SWITCH TO DIESEL D) DON'T BOTHER-- SWITCH TO PROPANE E) TAKE LOTS OF MONEY F) HAVE LOTS OF CREDIT CARDS

WHEN ARRIVING AT A FOUR-WAY STOP, YOU SHOULD:
A) SLOW TO FORTY
B) SLOW TO FOUR
C) STOP FOUR TIMES
D) STOP FOUR WAYS
E) PLAY "CHICKEN" WITH ANYONE ELSE WHO ARRIVES AT THE INTERSECTION

WHEN TAKING A DRIVER'S LICENSE TEST, YOU SHOULD: A) NOT TAKE IT *TOO* FAR B) TAKE IT SERIOUSLY C) TAKE IT EASY D) TAKE FIVE E) TAKE OFF F) TAKE MY WIFE... PLEASE G) GET A NEW GAG WRITER H) GET AN OLD GAG WRITER

THIS WAS ORIGINALLY GOING TO BE A 12-PAGE TEST. BUT PRIMA-DONNA *TROSLEY* ABSOLUTELY *REFUSED* TO GIVE UP HIS KRASS 'n' BERNIE SPACE! NOW THERE'S NO ROOM LEFT FOR SCORING! SO THAT'S IT! IF YOU ANSWERED ALL THE QUESTIONS... OR *SOME* OF 'EM... OR *THOUGHT* ABOUT IT... HEY... JUST FOR *READING* THIS FAR, WE'VE GOTTA REWARD SUCH LOYALTY! SO... (TA-DAA!) THE ENVELOPE, PLEASE.....

BELIEVE IT OR NOT... YOU PASSED! WOW!!

WARNING! WARNING!
DO NOT REMOVE THIS TAG!
UNDER THREAT OF SEVERE PENALTY, PUNISHMENT & REPEATED SCOLDINGS!
CONTAINS 100% NATURAL & UN-NATURAL MATERIALS!

SO HERE'S YOUR...

CARtoons... QUASI-OFFICIAL

DRIVER'S LICENSE

DRAW A CARTOON OF YOURSELF IN THIS SPACE.

FIRST NAME..... LAST NAME.....
MIDDLE NAME..... (*"NICK"* WILL DO, IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE!) AGE.....
NICKNAME "..... "
NAME YOU *WISH* YOU'D BEEN GIVEN.....
NAME YOU'RE GLAD YOU *DIDN'T* GET..... CITY..... STATE/PROVINCE.....
ADDRESS..... POSTAL CODE..... SECRET CODE.....
COUNTRY..... CONTINENT.....
DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO FIND YOUR PLACE (THIS IS FOR YOUR OWN BENEFIT, WHEN YOU GET LOST!) PHONE..... AREA CODE..... COLLECT?..... PERSON TO PERSON?.....
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER..... FAVORITE NUMBER..... LUCKY NUMBER.....
PICK A NUMBER BETWEEN ONE AND 4,721,332,047..... DOUBLE IT & ADD 8..... (OVER)

WARNING TO BE VALID, THIS CARD-- NOT A DUPLICATE-- MUST BE CARRIED WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES! AND... DO NOT FOLD, BEND, STAPLE, PHOTOCOPY, REDUCE, SPINDLE OR SMUDGE IT! HA!!!
YOU MAY ATTACH AN EXTRA SHEET IF YOU NEED MORE SPACE FOR INFORMATION

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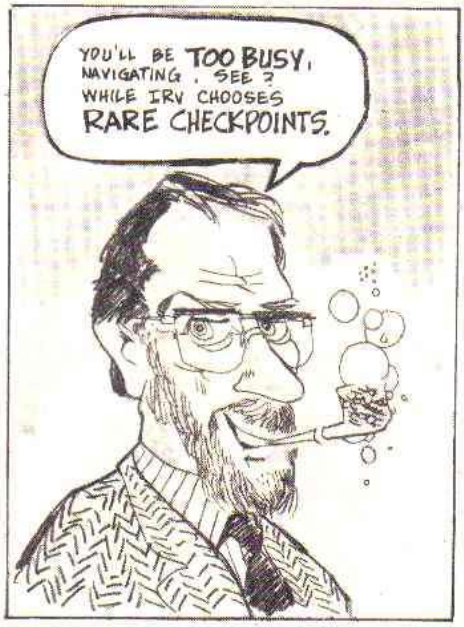
STORY: KARL KOHLER



OTTO MOTTO: The Face In A Rearview Mirror May Be Your Own.

SO FAR, I'VE PICKED A STUFFED CACTUS.... A PILE OF ORDERLY TRASH... ...TWO CANYON MOUTHS... THREE IDENTICALLY SHAPED ROCKS, 40 MILES APART...

GONNA MAKE A REAL NEAT DEN DOLL AND STICK PINS IN IT!

...A DOWNED POWERLINE... A SIX WAY JUNCTION OF BURRO TRAILS...

OH, MACHO MELVIN... WHERE ARE YA, HON?

FAMOUS FAST WORDS: "*All* these five-wheeled motorcycles are imported from Poland."

OTTO MOTTO: Intersections Are Four-Way Lotteries.

HI THERE MS HERMIT! HERMITRESS?
AH HATES TOURISTS!
BLA
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
YA RUINED OUR RADIATOR YA OL' TROLL! TROLLETT?
VROOOOMM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
NO TURNO
I BETTER SCRATCH THAT LAST SITE.
THIS WRECK'S HAD IT.
PSSSSSSSS
'EY WHO IS THIS A COMIN'?
120
MMM
MBRU
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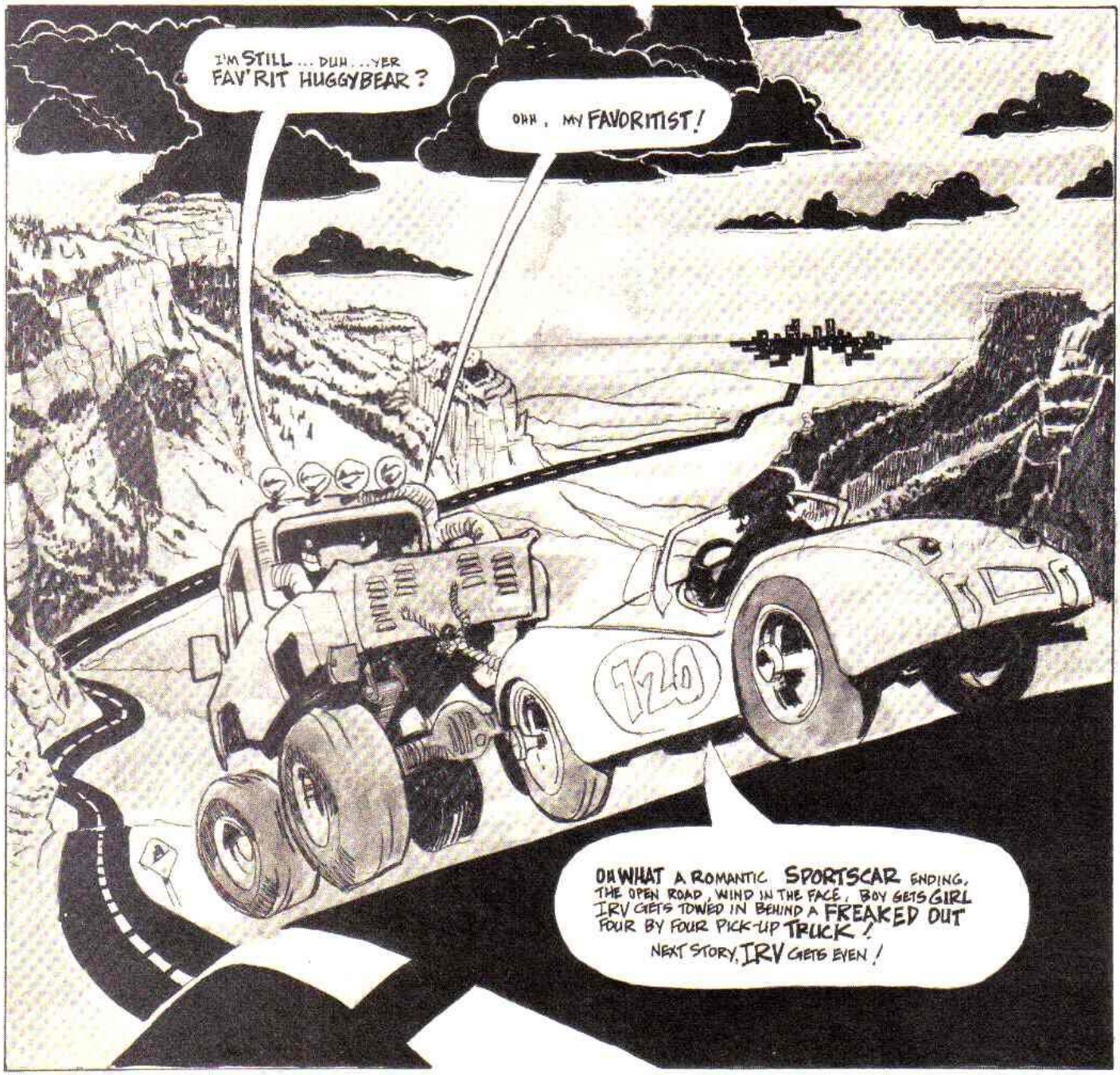
DRUM
THIS DOG'LL NEVER HUNT AGAIN. WE WALK 200 MILES OR DIE OF THIRIST WHICHEVER COMES FIRST!



OTTO MOTTO: Modesty Is Mounting A Hood Ornament *Under The Hood.*

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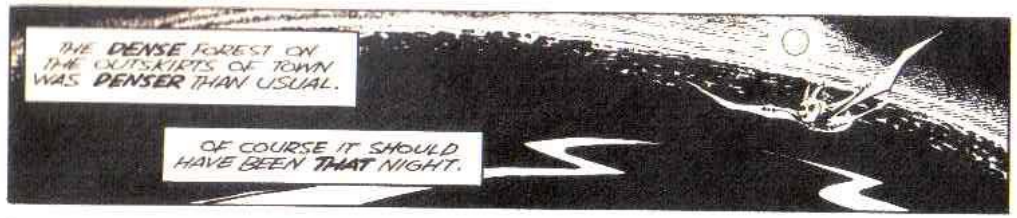

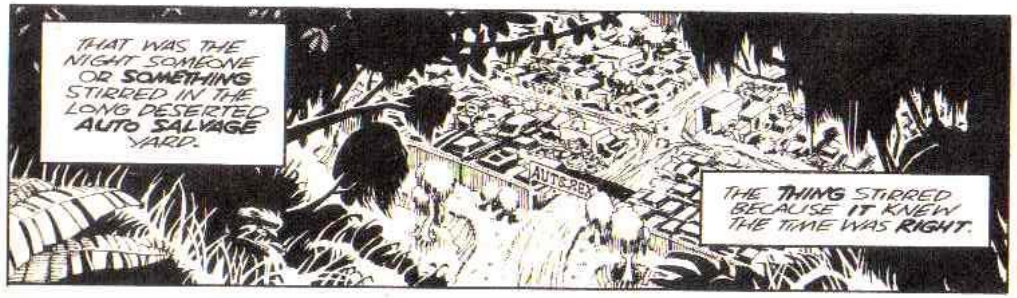

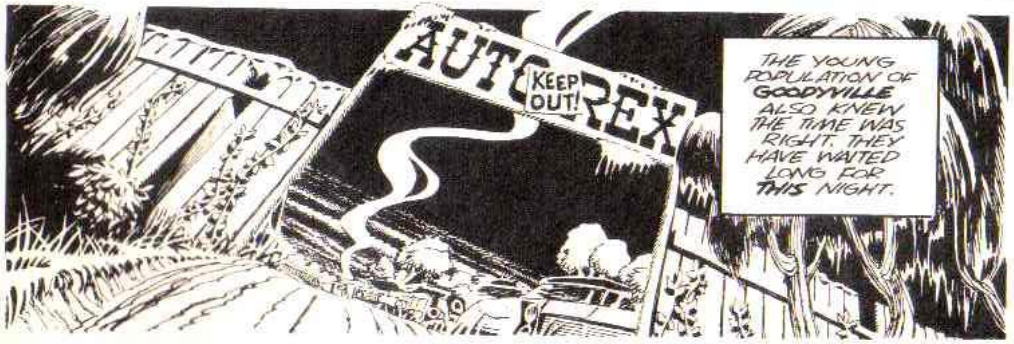

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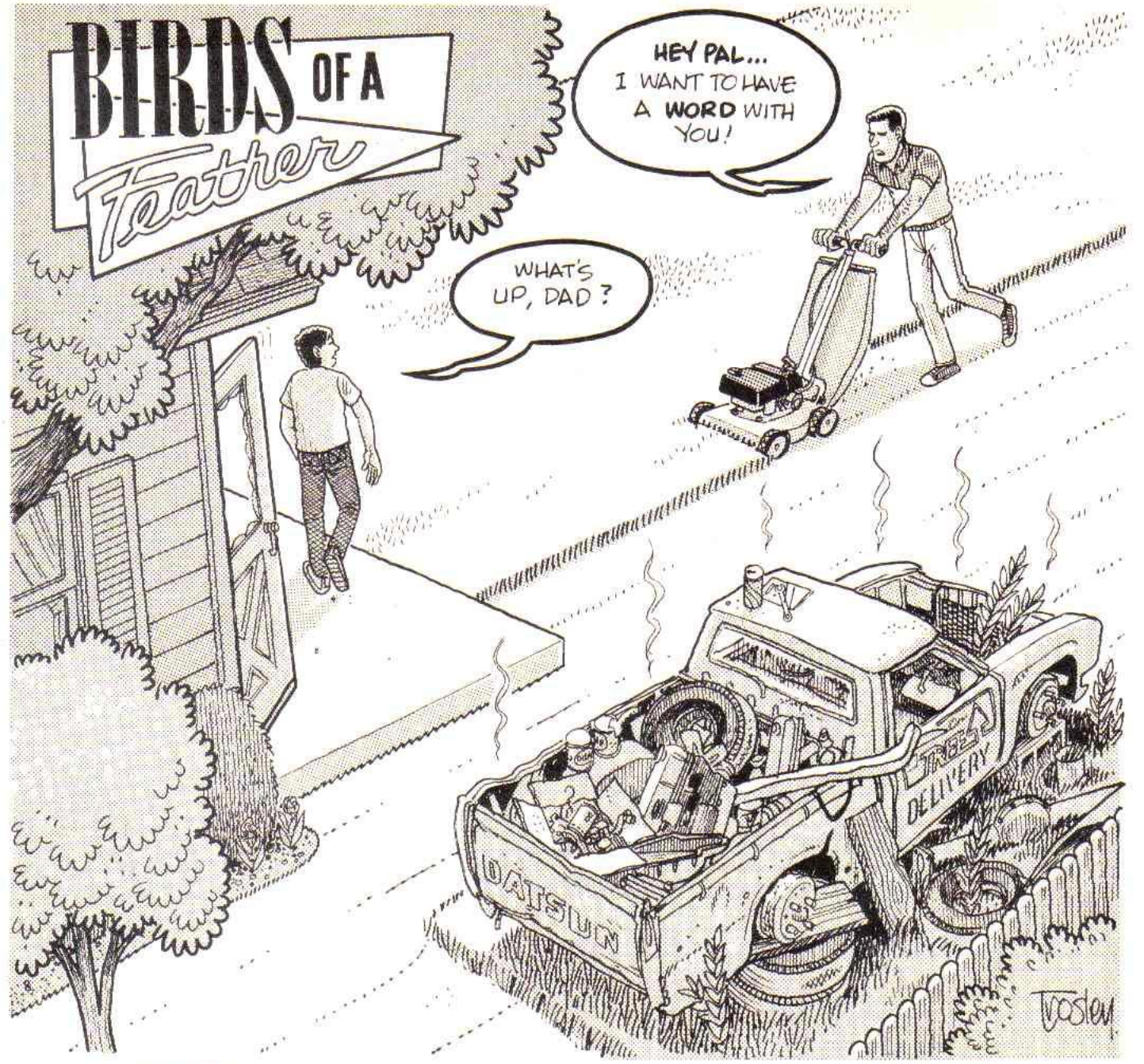
OTTO MOTTO: Freeways Produce Bumber Crops.

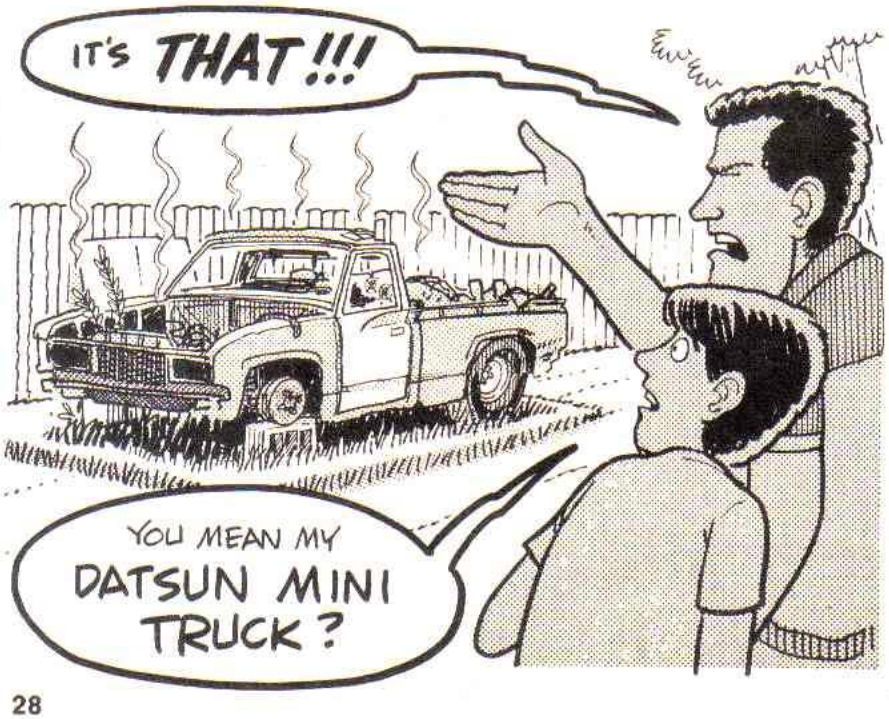
CARtoons PRESENTS

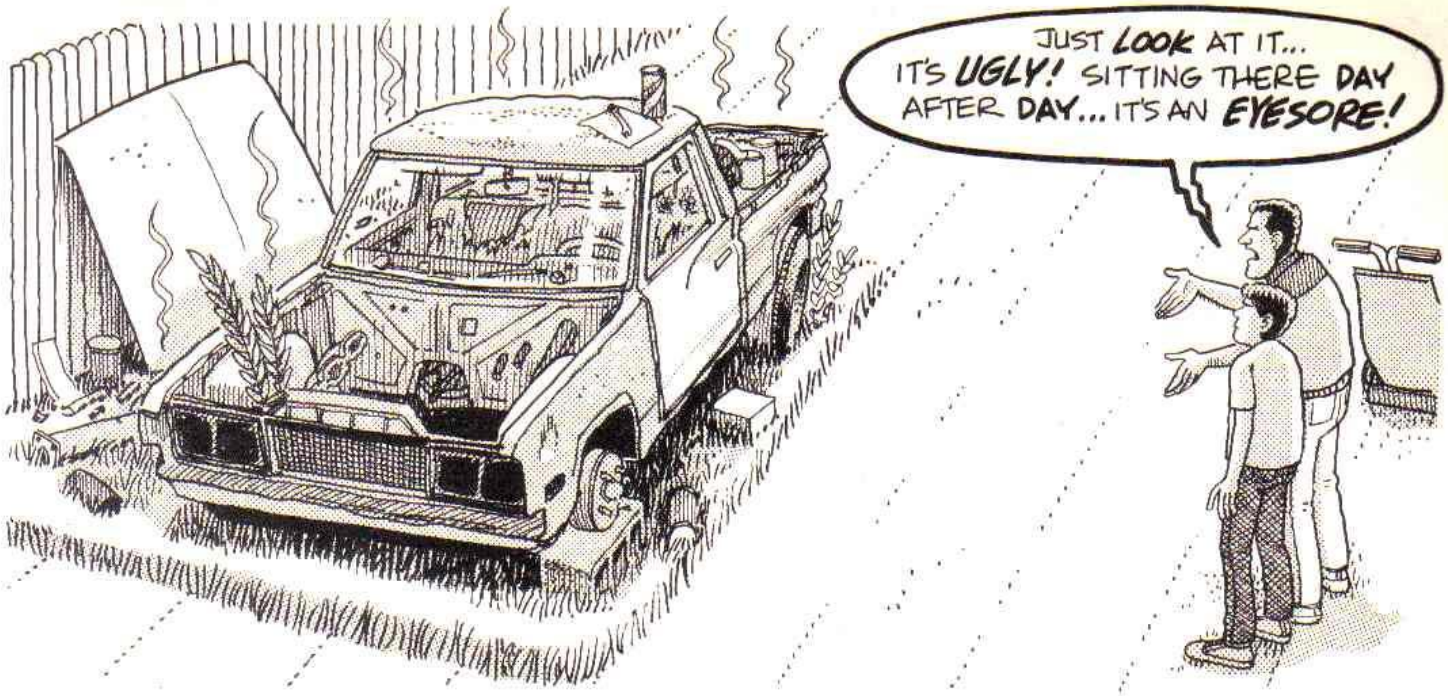
BIRDS OF A Feather

HEY PAL... I WANT TO HAVE A **WORD** WITH YOU!

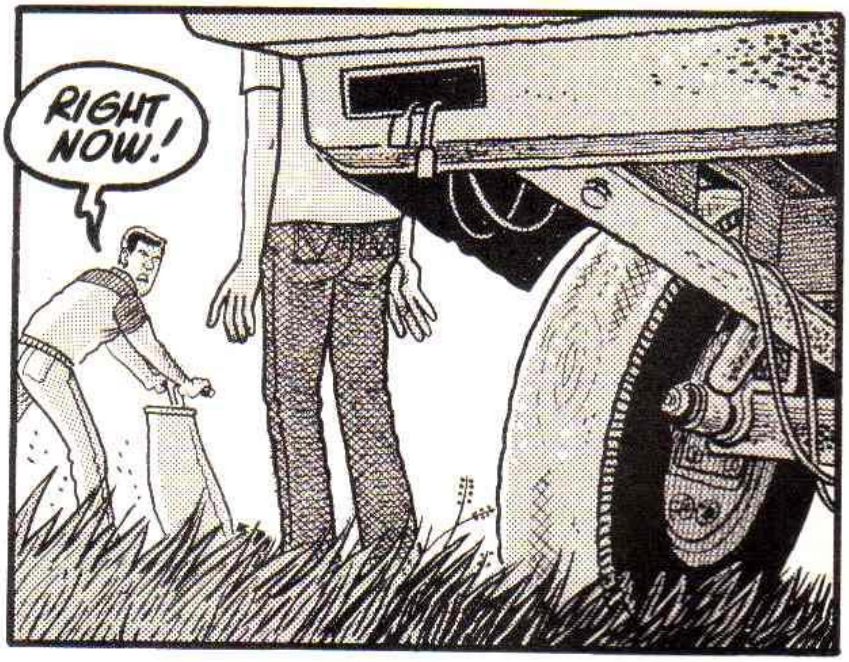
WHAT'S UP, DAD?





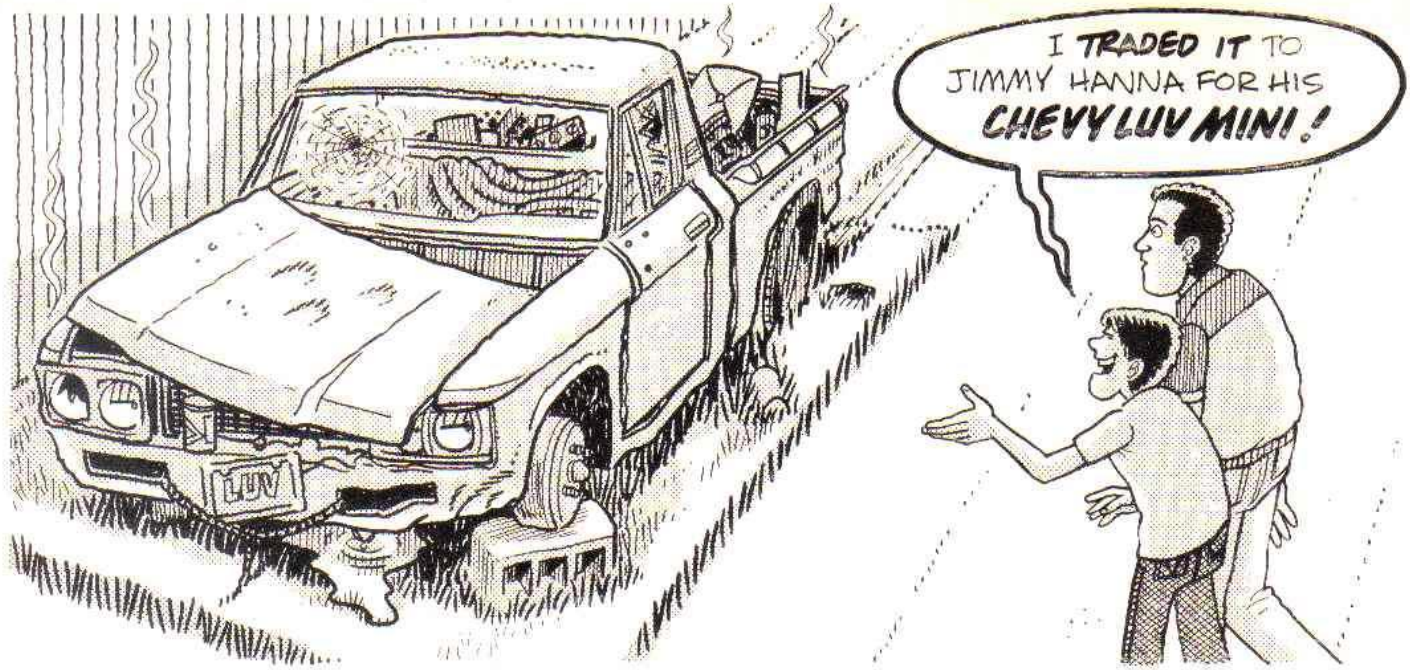

JUST LOOK AT IT... IT'S UGLY! SITTING THERE DAY AFTER DAY... IT'S AN EYESORE!

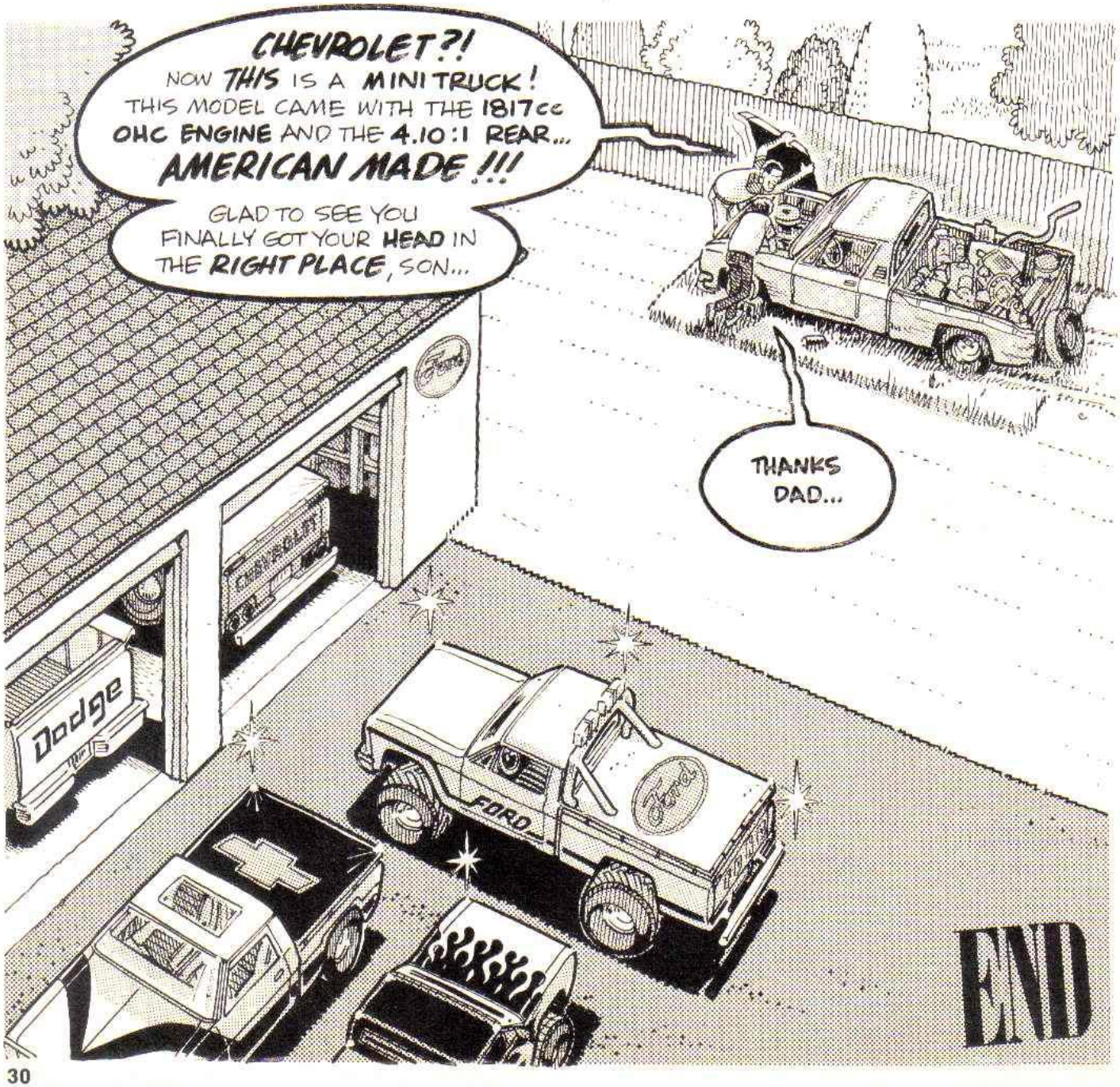
AN UGLY EYESORE I CAN'T STAND LOOKING AT ANYMORE... DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!
TODAY?!!


RIGHT NOW!

LATER...
HEY DAD... GUESS WHAT?!

I GOT RID OF THE DATSUN!
GREAT!


I TRADED IT TO JIMMY HANNA FOR HIS CHEVY LUV MINI!
LUV


CHEVROLET?! NOW THIS IS A MINI TRUCK! THIS MODEL CAME WITH THE 1817cc OHC ENGINE AND THE 4.10:1 REAR... AMERICAN MADE!!!
GLAD TO SEE YOU FINALLY GOT YOUR HEAD IN THE RIGHT PLACE, SON...
THANKS DAD...
Dodge
CHEVROLET
FORD
END

MINI-TRUX

SLIGHTLY USED CARS

OTTO MOTTO: They Don't Serve Minors At Nerfbars.

YOU CAN ONLY DO 55 ON THAT ROAD, SIR...
IN THE WOODS THERE'S NO SPEED TRAPS!
ZING!
4-EST
VOOP!
BINK!
BONK!
BING!
BOOP!
BOP!
YOUNG MAN, MY BRAIN HURTS!
LOOK KID... THIS TRUCK'S ONLY BEEN SLIGHTLY USED BEFORE!
I DIG FLYIN' OFF CLIFFS. DON'T YOU?
P-TOOOOO!
SIR... I REALLY LIKED YOUR SLIGHTLY USED AUTOMOBILE...
...BUT...
THE WOOD
BONK!
...THE ONE PROBLEM I HAVE WITH HER IS...
SSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSS
I'M NOT OLD ENOUGH TO GET A DRIVER'S LICENSE YET... BESIDES...
...THE RADIO DIDN'T WORK.
AK!
BOOP BA-DOOP!
BLAM!
END

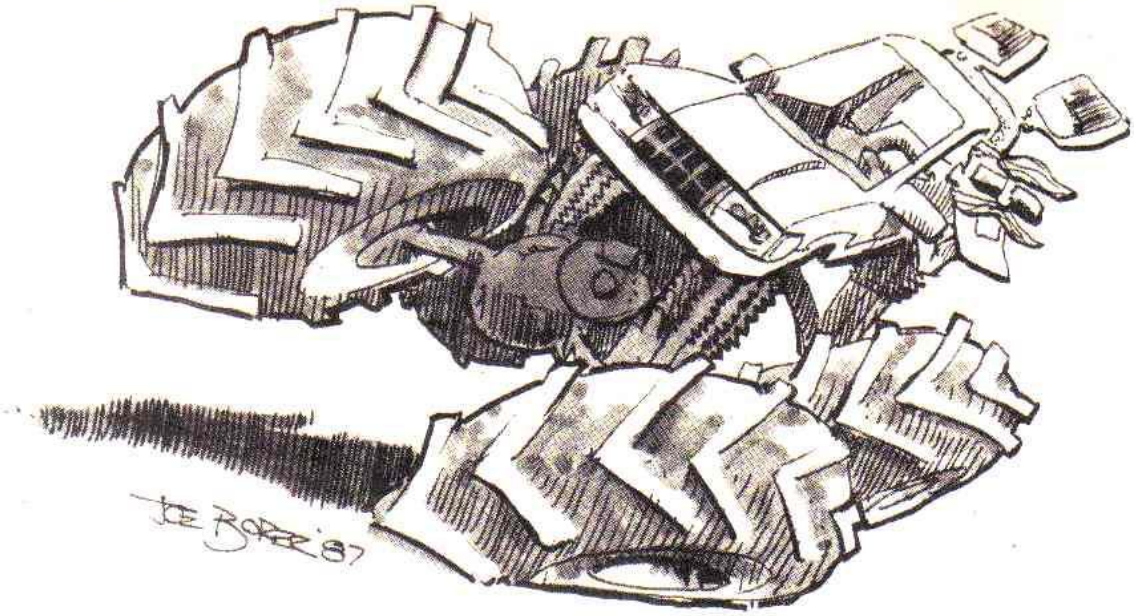
BLOW-OUT!
NICE ONE, DUDE!
RAD!
DUDE
BIG PUMPY TIRE
DONUTS
SHAWN KERR

OTTO MOTTO: Mobilehome Parks Make Great Tractor Pull Loads.

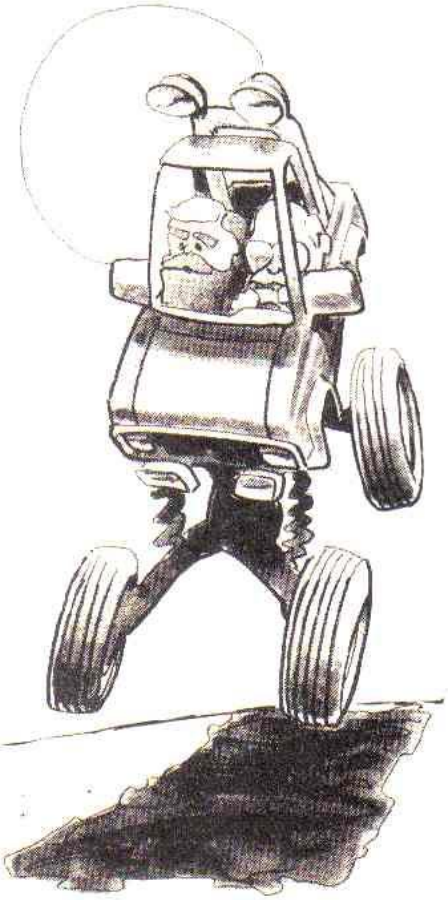
ON ELM STREET

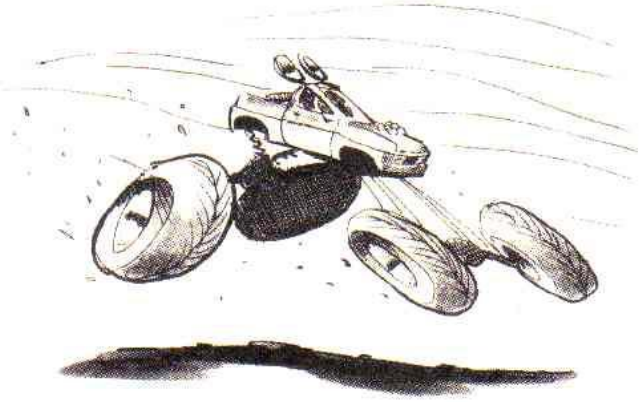
FREDDY'S BACK! THAT'S RIGHT FOLKS IT'S OL' FREDDY KRUEGER CRUISING UP FROM YOUR WORST NIGHTMARE IN A FLAMING FORD PICK-UP STRAIGHT FROM HELL! IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL WE'D CASH IN ON THE SUCCESSFUL 'NIGHTMARE ON ELM ST.' FLICKS. HERE'S OUR IDEA OF WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU READ TOO MANY CAR MAGS BEFORE BEDTIME. SO KEEP THAT COFFEE BREWING, KIDS!

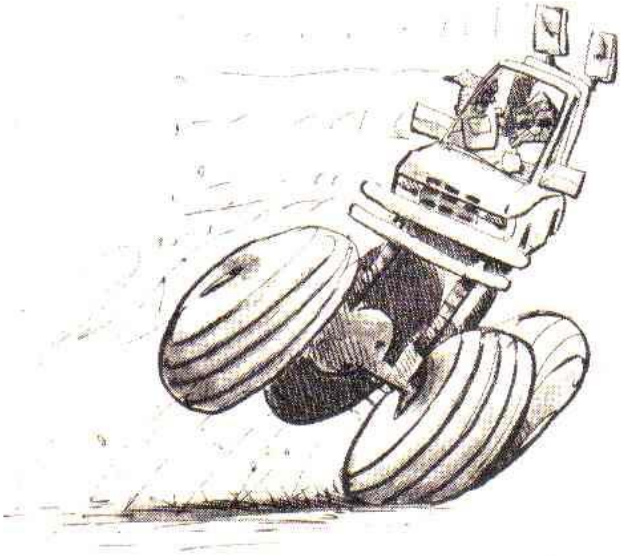
OTTO MOTTO: Humility Is Never Passing Another Car.



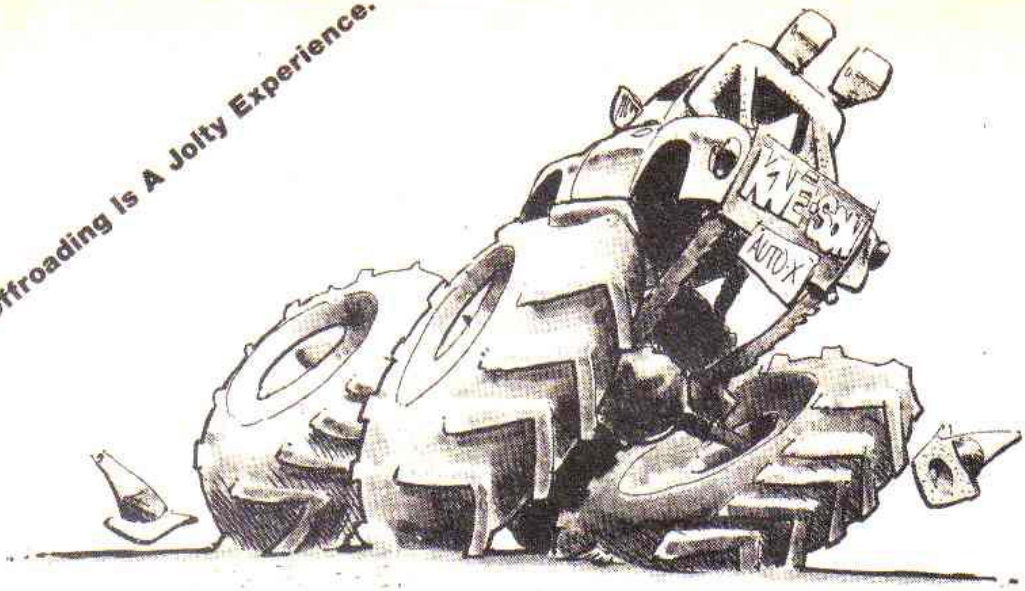
The Mini Truck World of
JOE BORER

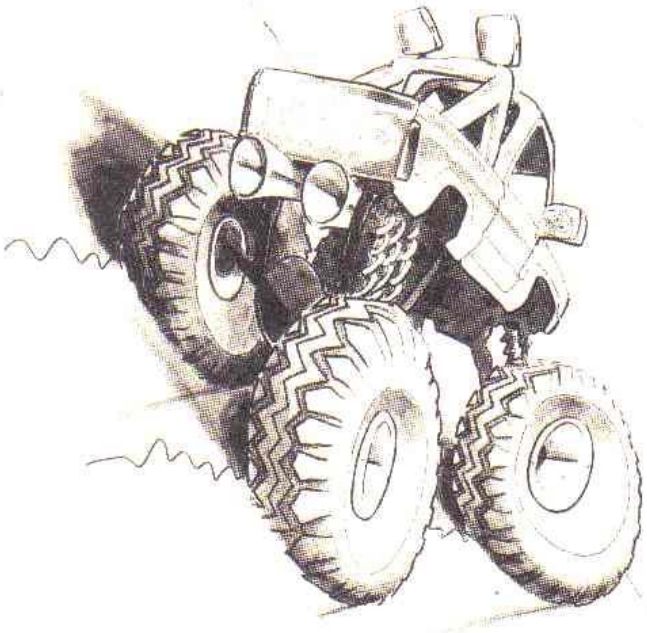


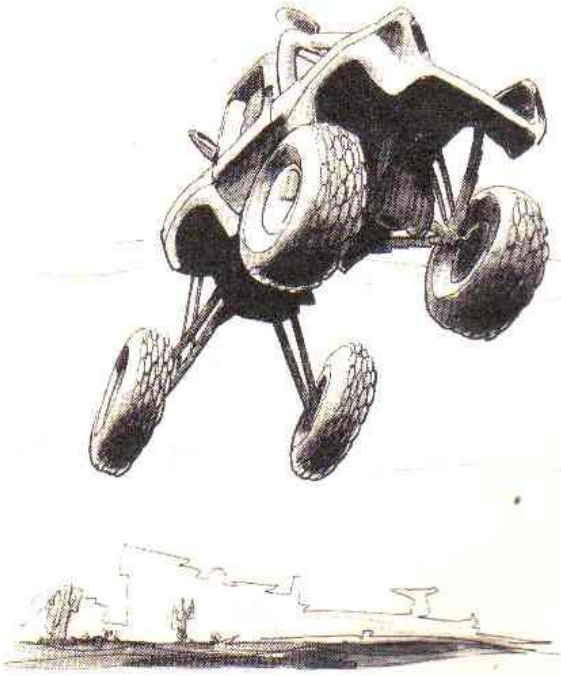


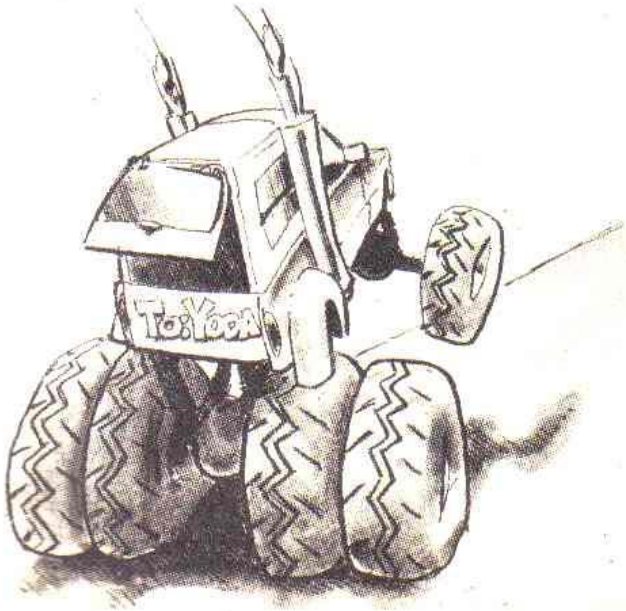


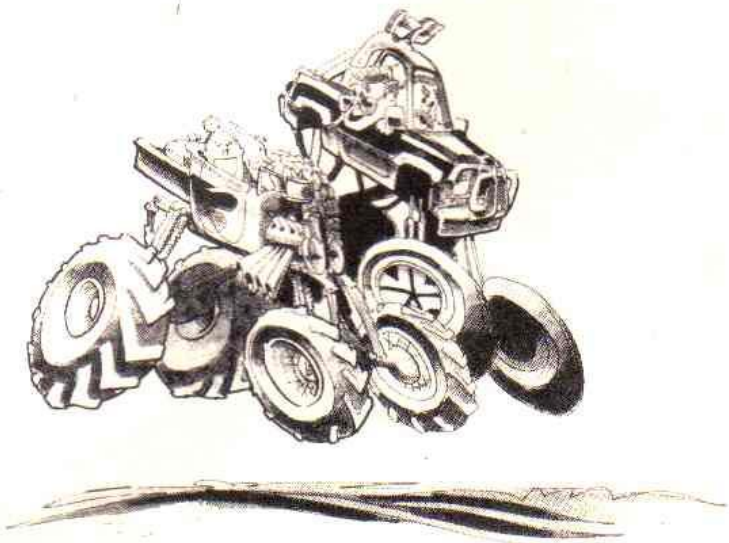
OTTO MOTTO: Offroading Is A Jolty Experience.











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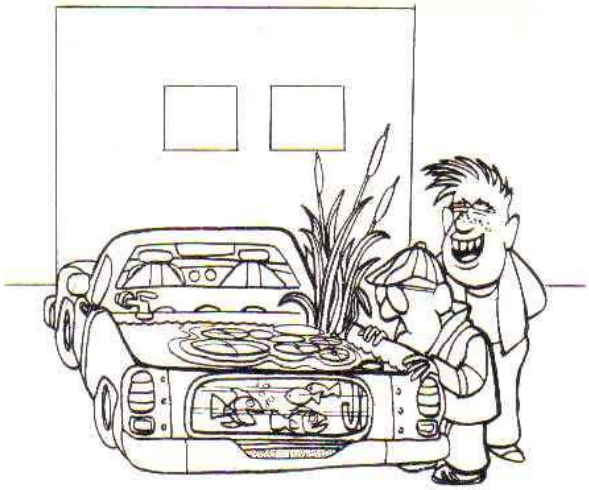
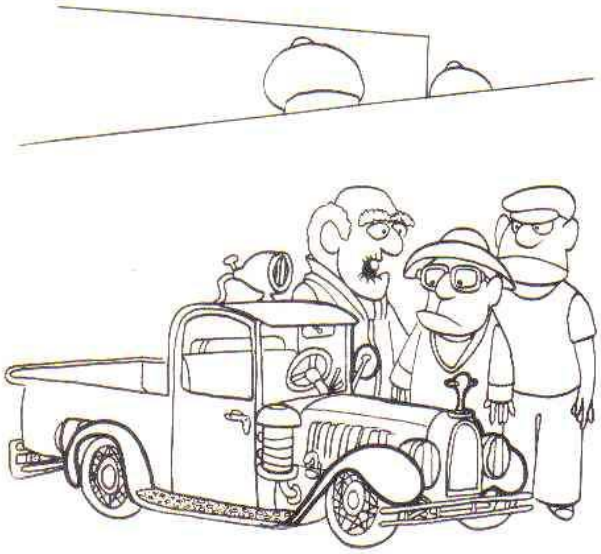
MINI-RADNESS

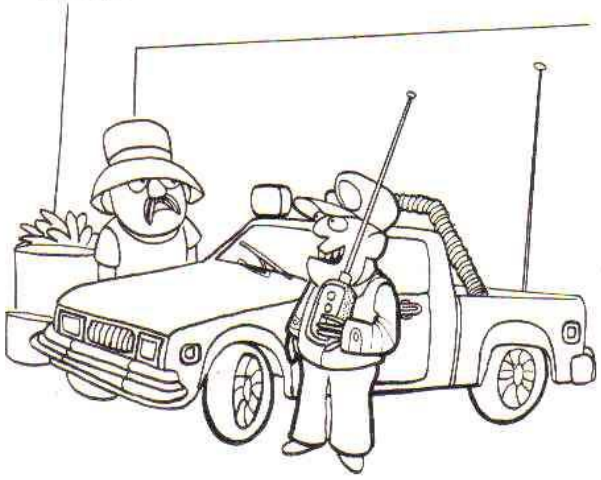


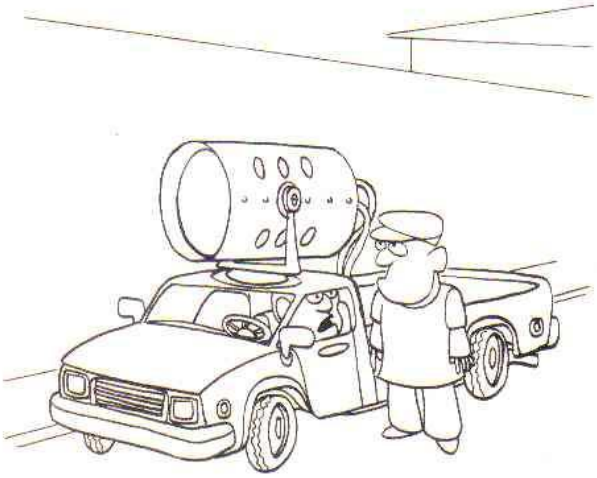
"I wanted the *only* mobile fishpond in existence."



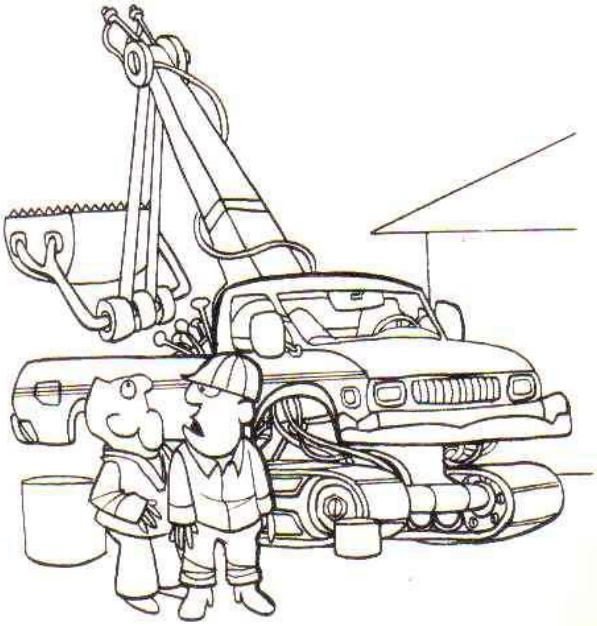
"When I scratchbilt it, 56-years ago, I didn't realize I was inventing the mini-truck."

"Mini-truck? Not really. World's *biggest* R/C pickup."





"Only because it *intimidates* bigger vehicles, see?"



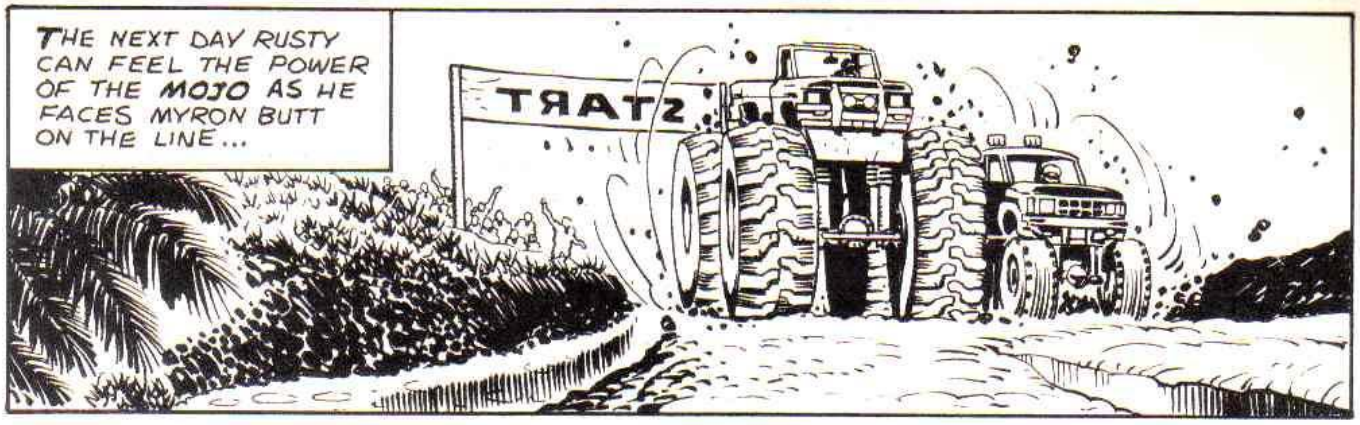
"I didn't modify it fer a playtoy, y'know."

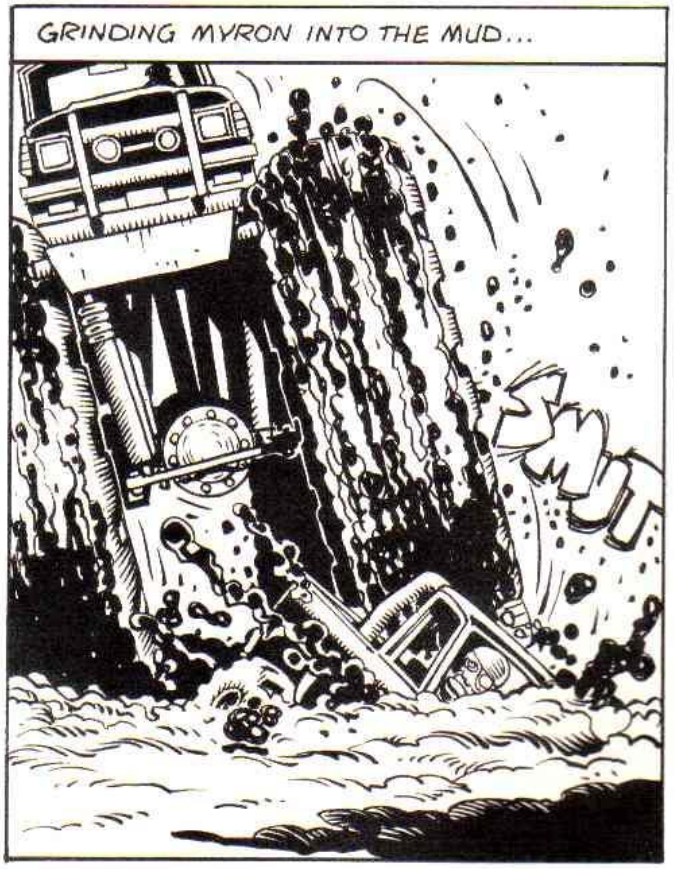
THE MINI-MONSTER MARSH MEET OF MOBILE

WORDS & PITCHERS BY COMAX

OTTO MOTTO: Sorry But There Are No Cars On Mars.

EMBARRASSED AND AT WIT'S END, RUSTY ACTS IN DESPERATION!
FINISH
YOU GOT NO VEHICLE, HOW YOU GONNA COMPETE WITH A JERK LIKE MYRON BUTT!
MOJO MABLE!
ARE YOU CRAZY? SWAMP WITCH MAGIC AIN'T NOTHIN' TO MESS WIT!
I AIN'T GOT NO CHOICE! I'D RATHER BE TURNED INTO A PURPLE SPOTTED TREE FROG THAN LET MYRON WIN AGAIN!
KNOCK KNOCK
HUH? WHATCHA WANT? OH... IT'S TWO SUCCULENT YOUNGSTERS!
HE'S SUCCULENT I'M JUST AN OBSERVER!
THROWING CAUTION TO THE WIND, RUSTY BEGS MOJO MABLE TO HELP HIM!
OF COURSE, I CAN SEE TO IT THAT YOU WIN... BUT IT'LL COST YOU...
CAREFUL RUSTY!
YOU CAN USE MY SWAMP BUGGY A GUARANTEED WINNER.
MOJO
RADICAL!
I ONLY ASK ONE THING!
WHAZAT?
HERE IT COMES!
I WANNA BE YOUR DATE TOMORROW EVENING AT THE AWARDS PRESENTATION!
GASP!





OTTO MOTTO: Never Park By A Blazing Fire Hydrant.

WITH HIS HEART IN HIS THROAT RUSTY PREPARES TO HONOR THEIR AGREEMENT.
A... MS. MABLE? IT'S TIME FOR OUR ... A... DATE.
KNOCK KNOCK
OOO... HI LOVER, LET'S GO ...
WOW! I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
I THOUGHT YOU KNEW... A SWAMP WITCH CAN ASSUME ANY APPEARANCE SHE WISHES! IT'S JUST AN ILLUSION...
WHO CARES, YOU LOOK GREAT! I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO SHOW YOU OFF AT THE AWARDS SHOW!

AND THAT EVENING, WITH MOJO MABLE ON HIS ARM, RUSTY SWELLFELLOW IS PRESENTED WITH HIS LONG SOUGHT AFTER PRIZE!
HI MOM!
WPDQ
GRAND PRIZE
6TH ANNUAL MONSTER MARSH MEET of MOBILE

WHO'S ON T.V., ROGER?
THAT SWELLFELLOW KID... SEEMS TO BE A REALLY FINE YOUNG MAN, LOTSA GUTS AND TALENT... JUST ONE THING...
POPPER JACK

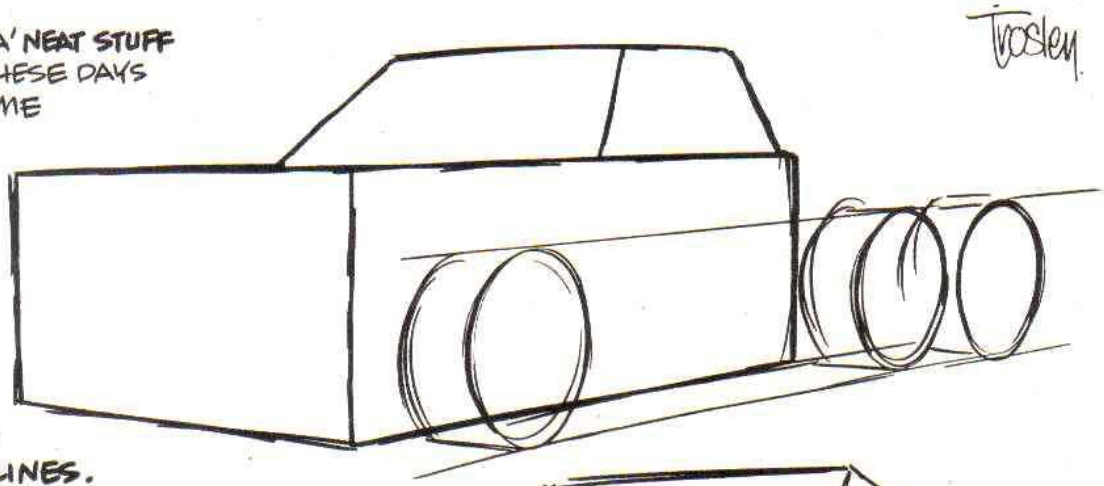
HE'S GOT ROTTEN TASTE IN CHICKS!
HUMM...
IT'S OVER...

THE CITATION.

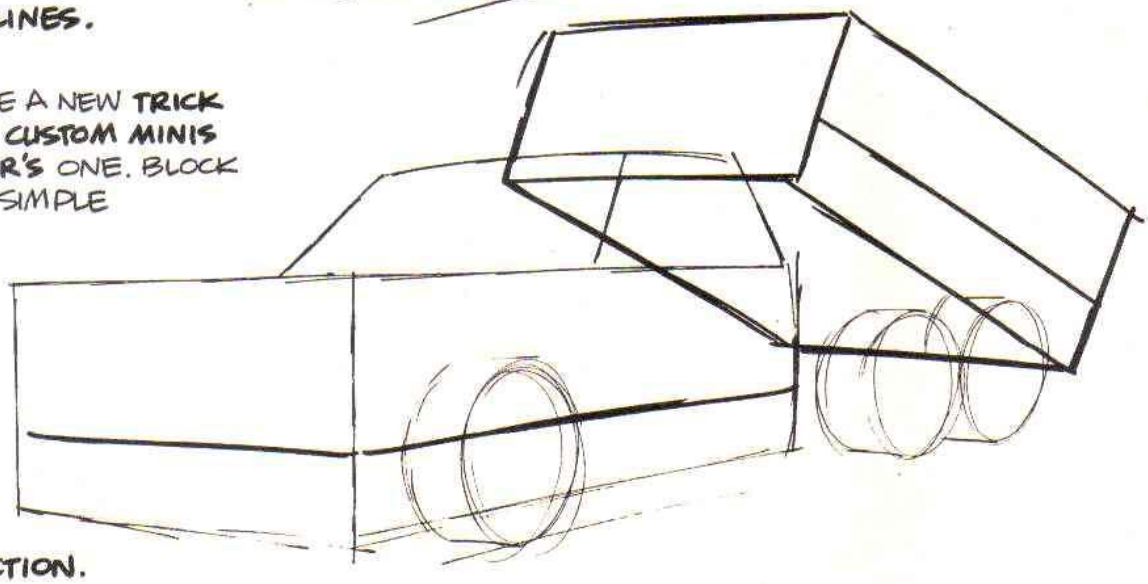
SHAWN KERRI

HOW TO DRAW: Mini-Trucks

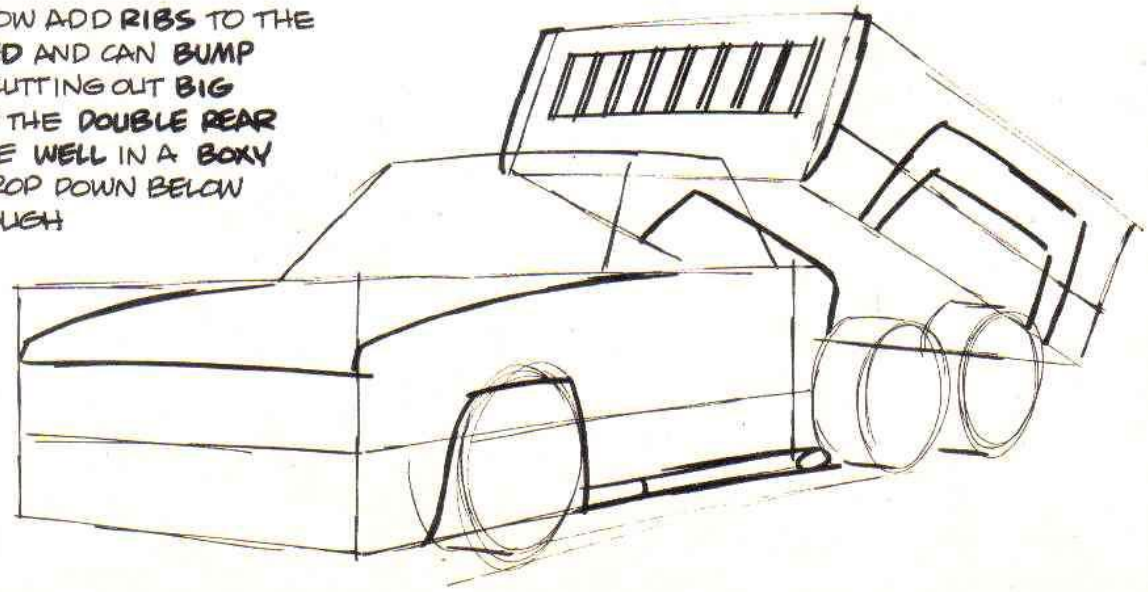
THEY'RE DOIN' LOTSA' **NEAT STUFF** TO **MINI TRUCKS** THESE DAYS SO LET'S HAVE SOME **FUN** WITH A **TOYOTA**. BEGIN WITH THE **BOX** SHOWN HERE. ADD THE **CAB SECTION** THEN ADD **WHEELS** WITH A **DOUBLE SET** IN THE **REAR**. KEEP EVERYTHING **TRUE** WITH **GUIDE LINES**.



TILTING BEDS ARE A NEW **TRICK ITEM** ON **ALOT** OF **CUSTOM MINIS** SO LET'S GIVE **OUR'S** ONE. BLOCK IN THE **BED** AS A SIMPLE BOX. AT FIRST, ALLOW YOURSELF TO DRAW ***RIGHT THROUGH*** EVERYTHING...THIS'LL HELP YOU **KEEP** YOUR **PROPORTIONS RIGHT**. ADD A **BODY LINE** TO BOTH THE **BED** AND THE **CAB SECTION**.

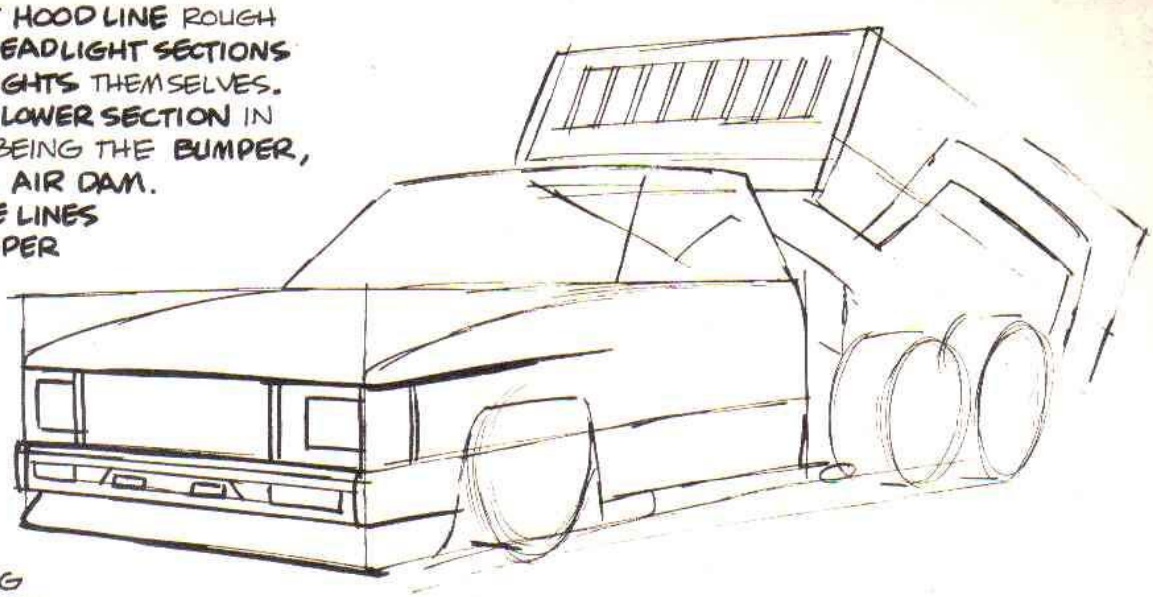


WE CAN ALSO NOW ADD **RIBS** TO THE **FRONT** OF THE **BED** AND CAN **BUMP OUT** THE **SIDES** CUTTING OUT **BIG WHEEL WELLS** FOR THE **DOUBLE REAR AXELS. FLARE** THE **WELL** IN A **BOXY MANNER** THEN DROP DOWN BELOW THE CAB AND ROUGH IN A SET OF **SIDE PIPES**. MOVING UP TO THE **HOOD LINE, CARVE** IT **DOWN** TO THE **MIDDLE** OF WHAT'S LEFT OVER FROM THE **BODY LINE** WE DROPPED IN EARLIER.

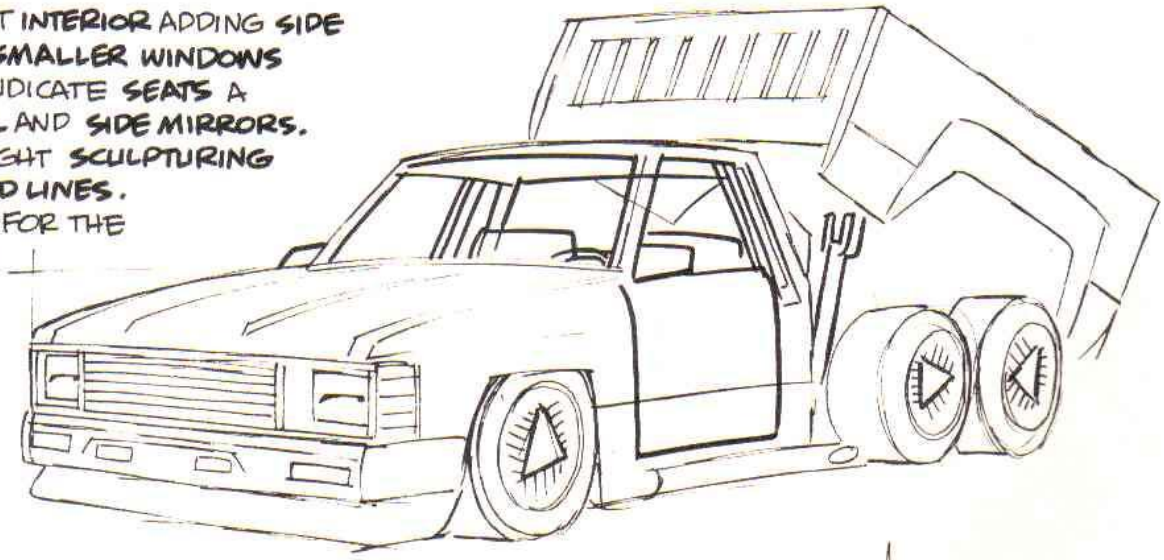


OTTO MOTTO: Next Year, Passengers Must Be Licensed.

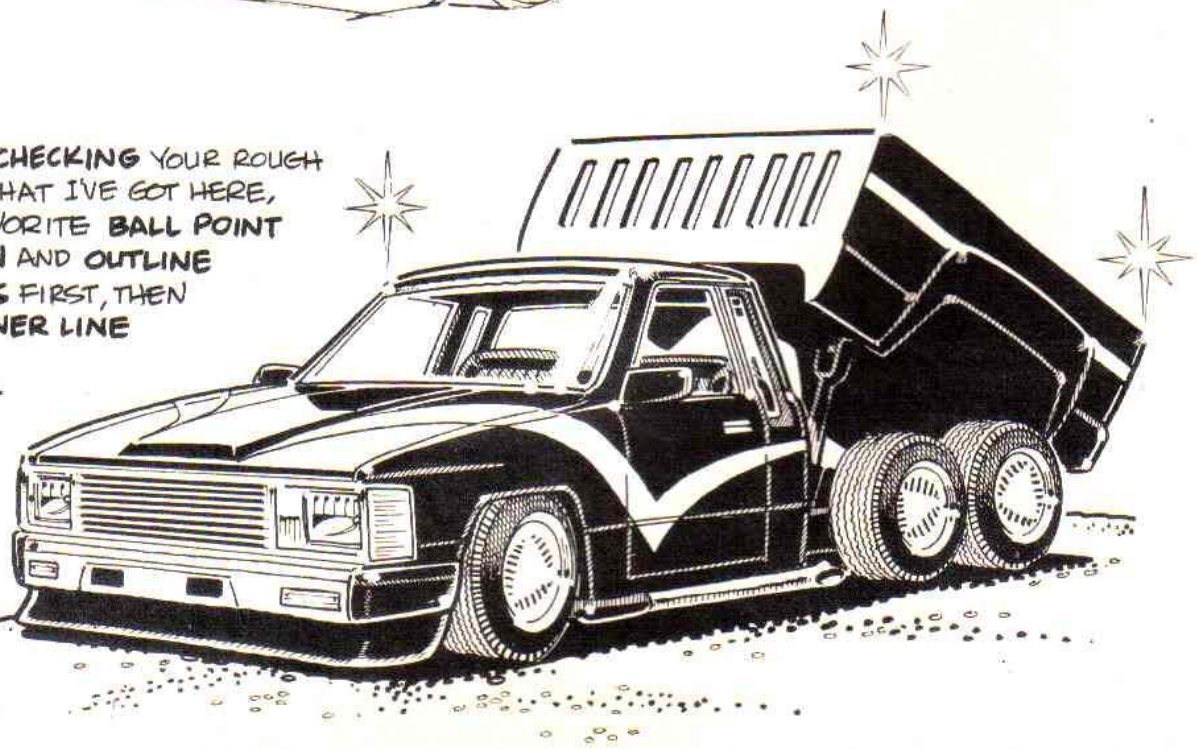
JUST BELOW THAT **HOOD LINE** ROUGH IN THE **SQUARE HEADLIGHT SECTIONS** THEN THE **HEADLIGHTS** THEMSELVES. NEXT, DIVIDE THE **LOWER SECTION** IN **HALF**, THE **TOP** BEING THE **BUMPER**, THE **BOTTOM** AN **AIR DAM**. RUN A FEW **GUIDE LINES** ACROSS THE **BUMPER** TO HELP LINE UP THE **PARKING LIGHTS** AND **BUMPER HOLES**. **RUBBER TIPS** WRAP AROUND THE **SIDES**. ADD FRONT **SIDE LIGHTS** AND **BODY LINE** KEYING OFF **FRONT FENDER**.



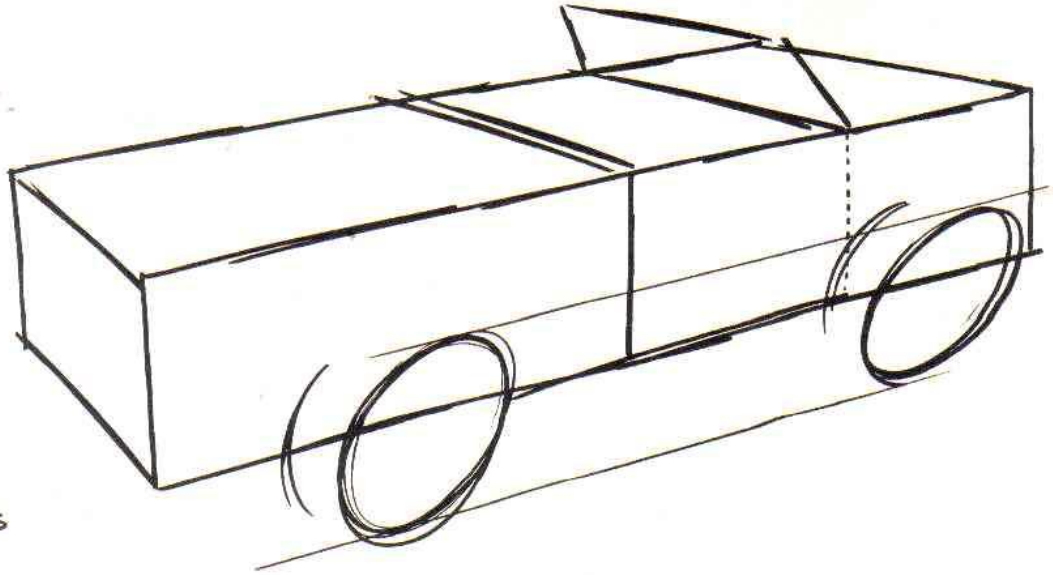
GARVE OUT THAT **INTERIOR** ADDING **SIDE WINDOWS** WITH **SMALLER WINDOWS** BEHIND THAT. INDICATE **SEATS** A **STEERING WHEEL** AND **SIDE MIRRORS**. **HOOD** GETS SLIGHT **SCULPTURING** AS WELL AS **HOOD LINES**. **HYDRAULIC LIFT** FOR THE **BED** SHOULD BE ROUGHED IN AS A **LONG THIN CYLINDER**. **DOOR LINES**, **HUB CAPS** AS WELL AS **TUBE GRILL** AND **HEADLIGHT DETAILS** GET US ALL SET FOR...



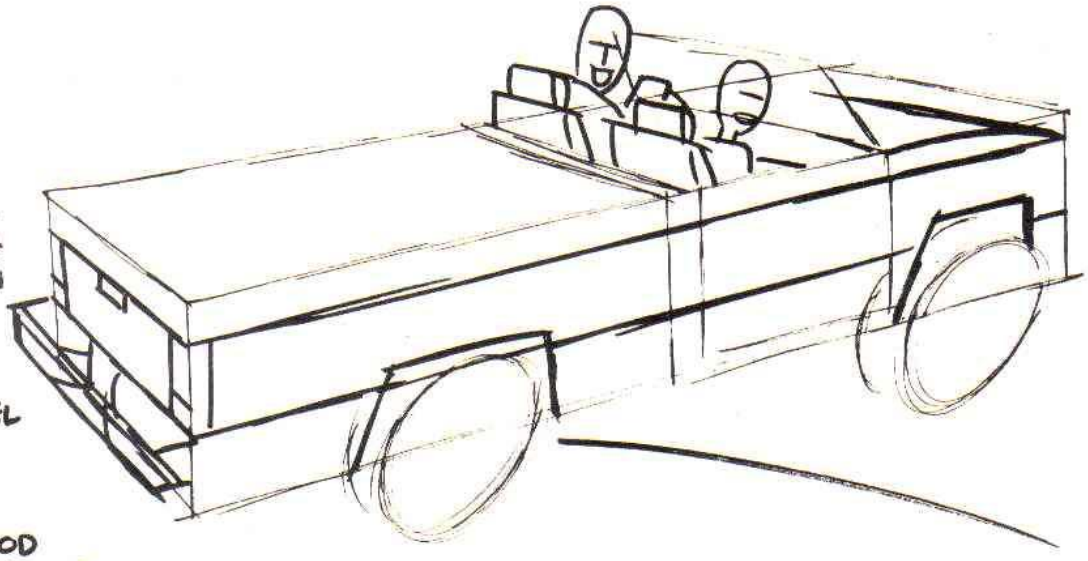
INKING! AFTER **CHECKING** YOUR ROUGH DRAWING WITH WHAT I'VE GOT HERE, CHOOSE YOUR FAVORITE **BALL POINT** OR **FELT TIP PEN** AND **OUTLINE** THE **BASIC SHAPES** FIRST, THEN GO IN WITH A **FINER LINE** FOR **DETAILS**. CAREFUL USE OF **SOLID BLACKS** CAN CREATE MANY **EFFECTS** SO **STUDY** 'EM **CLOSELY**. WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED **ERASE** YOUR **PENCIL** THEN ***ENJOY!***



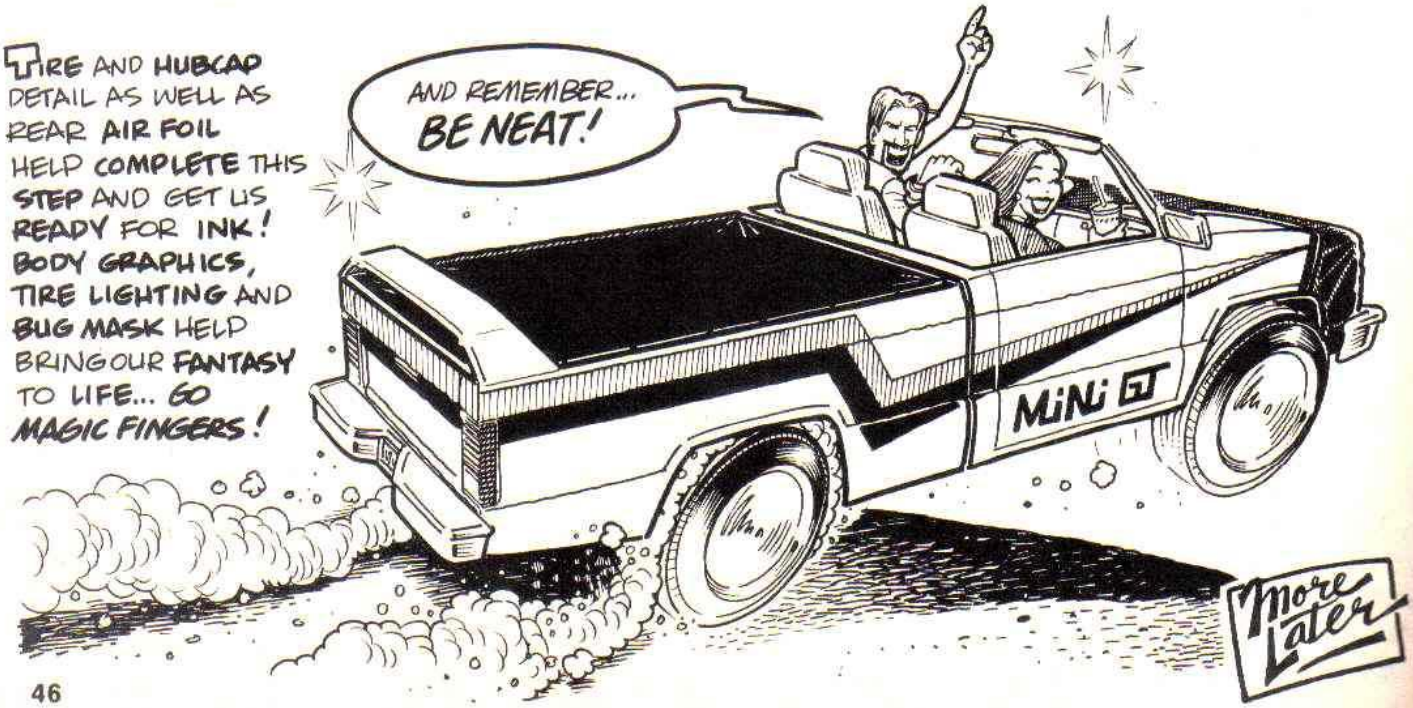
ANOTHER NEW WRINKLE IN MINI TRUCKS IS THE ***CONVERTABLE!*** THEY LOOK LIKE **FUN** SO LET'S GET ONE STARTED WITH THE **BOX** SHOWN TO YOUR RIGHT. FIRST WE'LL **DIVIDE** THE **BOX** IN **HALF** THEN THE **FRONT HALF** IN **HALF** AGAIN. CAREFULLY POSITION THE **WINDSHIELD** AT THIS POINT. LOOSELY ROUGH IN SOME **WHEELS** ONCE AGAIN USING **GUIDE LINES** TO KEEP THINGS **LINED UP RIGHT.**



GET BUSY BY FIRST RUNNING THOSE **TWO BODY LINES** AROUND THE **CAB** AND THE **BED.** **WRAPAROUND TAILLIGHTS** AND **HANDLE** FINISH OFF THE **GATE** WHILE THE BOXED IN **BUMPER** CURVES INTO THE **LICENSE PLATE** SECTION. CUT OUT SOME **WHEEL WELLS** THEN ADD **SEATS, DASH** AND **TRUCKERS** TO THE **INTERIOR.** ROLL **HOOD LINE** DOWN TO **BODY LINE.**



TIRE AND **HUBCAP** DETAIL AS WELL AS REAR **AIR FOIL** HELP **COMPLETE** THIS **STEP** AND GET US **READY** FOR **INK!** **BODY GRAPHICS, TIRE LIGHTING** AND **BUG MASK** HELP BRING OUR **FANTASY** TO **LIFE... *GO MAGIC FINGERS!***

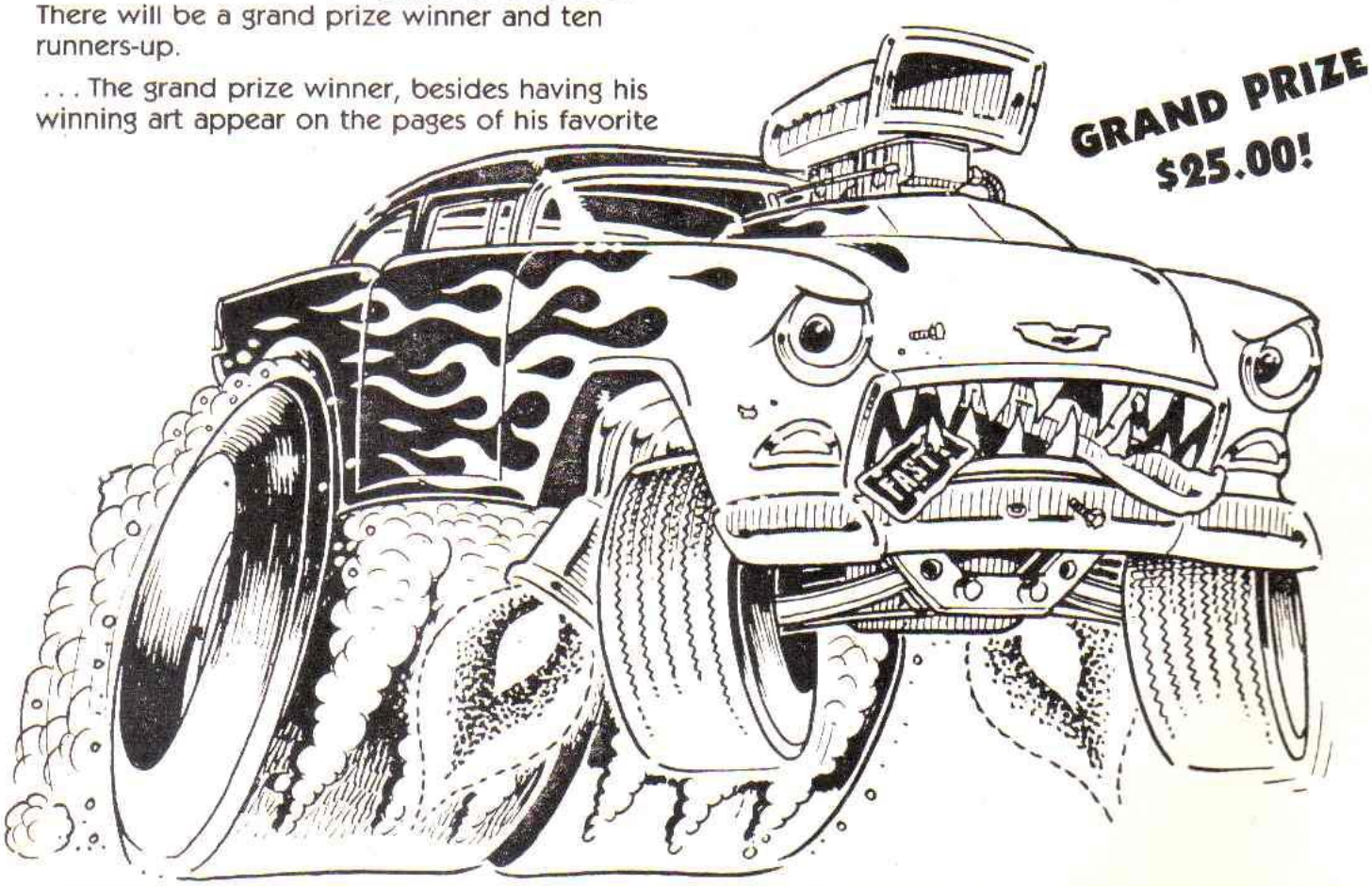


HEY! MOPAR MANIACS, FORD FREAKS, AMC ADULATORS, PONTIAC FANS, CUTLASS CRAZIES AND CHEVY LOVERS . . .

. . . here's your big chance! A lot of you have been writing to Quick Irv about how you don't see enough of your favorite muscle car in the book. Okay, fanatics. It's time for another contest! YOU draw your favorite muscle car and send it to us. It can be radical, customized or otherwise. We will pick the best of the batch and run them here in the pages of CARtoons. There will be a grand prize winner and ten runners-up.

. . . The grand prize winner, besides having his winning art appear on the pages of his favorite book will also receive the magnificent sum of $25.00! The ten runners-up will be featured here on the pages of CARtoons and will receive FAME and GLORY!

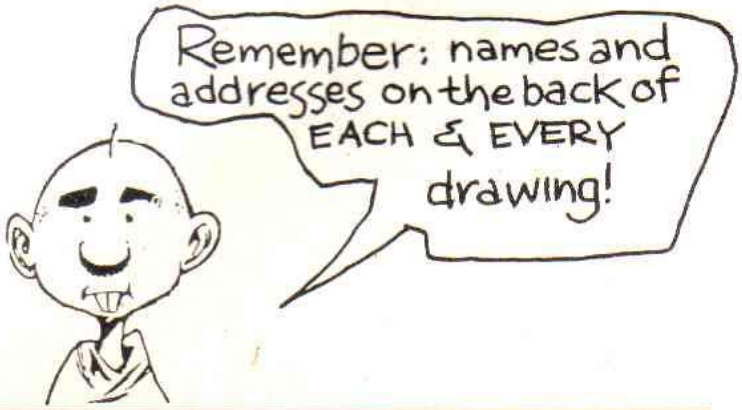
. . . So, gang, stop griping and start drawing! Let's see your stuff here on our pages! Just follow the simple rules below . . .



JUST FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE RULES:

- Drawings can be any size or shape you wish to make them. Just be sure you've got an envelope they'll fit in, preferably without folding.
- All drawings must be reproduceable as black and white line drawings. We will not accept pencil sketches or any drawings done in color for this contest.
- Drawings should be done with black ink for best reproduction. You can use ball-point pen, as long as it is black. Marker pens, Flairs, Pentels and others are acceptable if the line is black and crisp, suitable for reproduction.
- This is very important! You MUST put your COMPLETE name and address on the back of each and every drawing you submit, whether they are in the same envelope or not. DRAWINGS WITHOUT NAMES AND ADDRESSES ON THE BACK WILL BE IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFIED. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE!
- Entries must be postmarked by October 3, 1987. Any entries with a later postmark will be disqualified. Please be sure you put sufficient postage on your envelope.

Mail your entries to:
CARtoons/Musclecar Contest
8490 Sunset Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90069

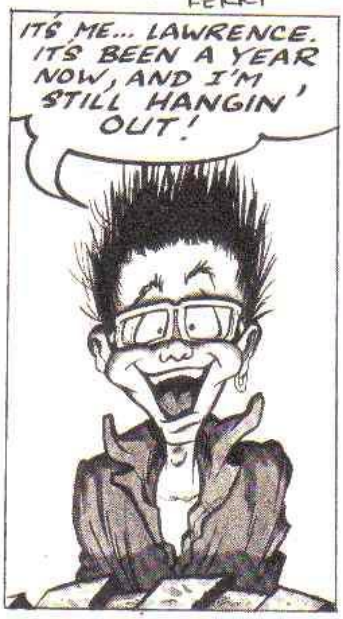


LAWRENCE IN A RADIAL

OR: "MUD DONNA, the FINAL CHAPTER"

WORDS N' PICTURES by SHAWN KERRI

OTTO MOTTO: Four Riders Aboard An ATV Are a Quad-Squad.

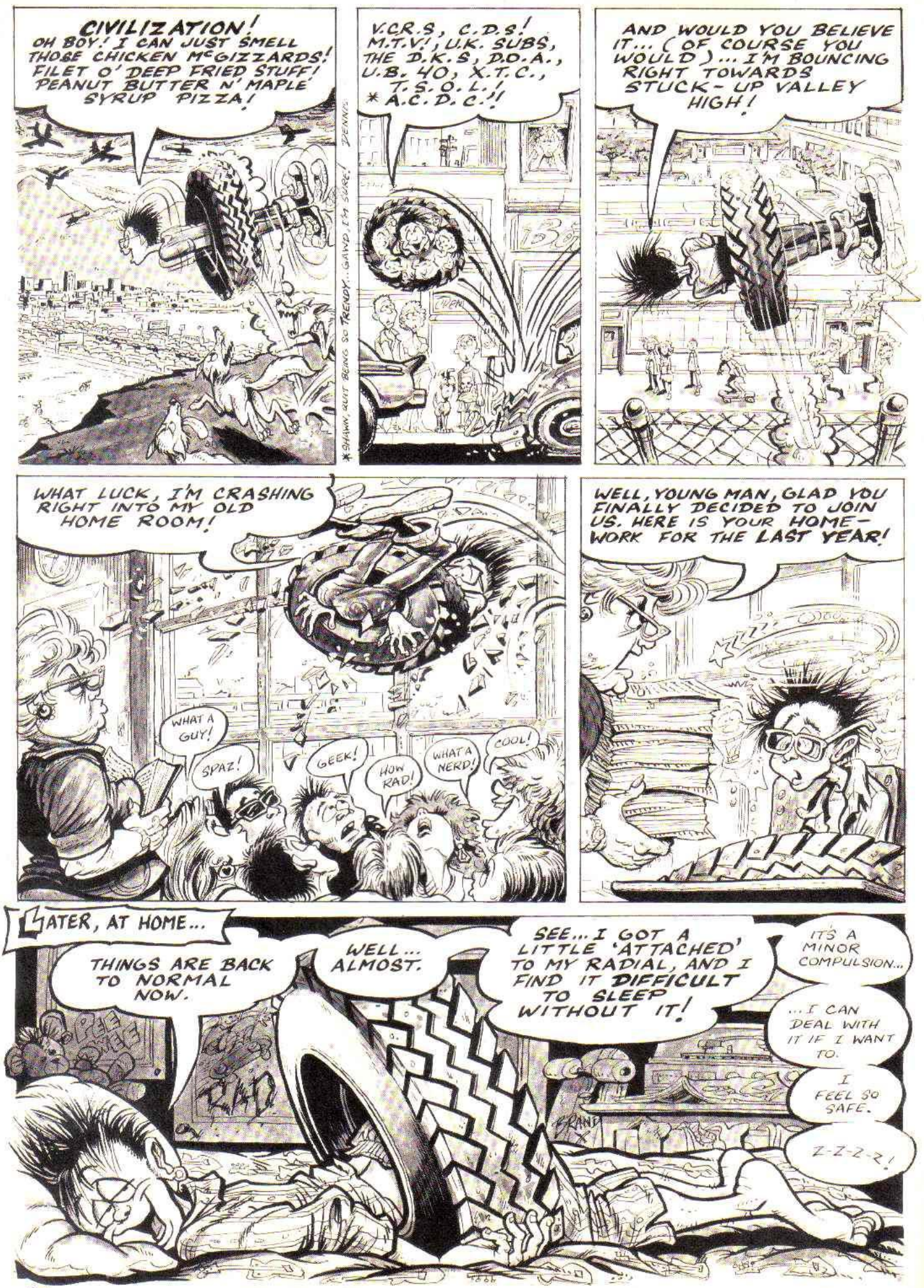


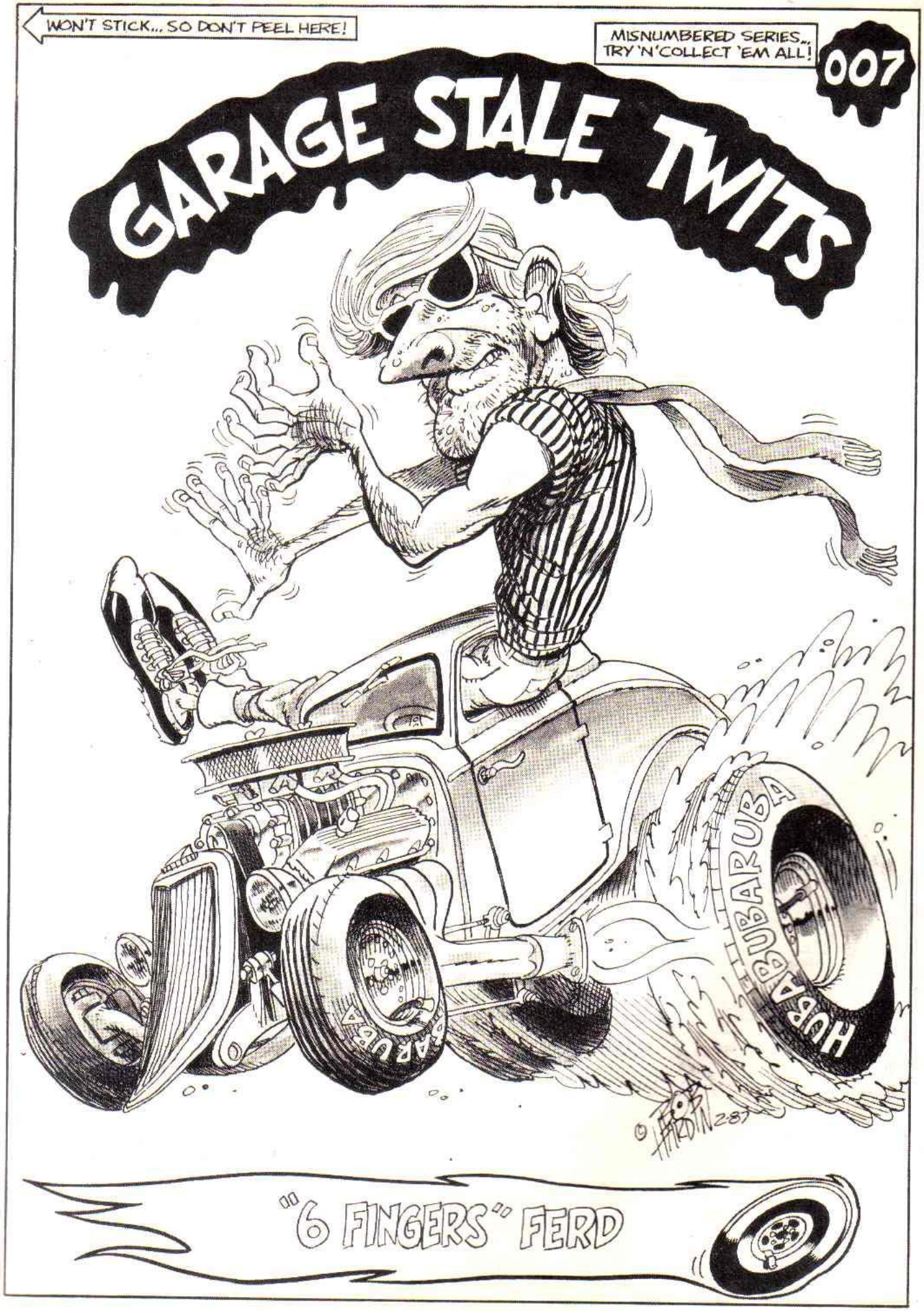
BUT FIRST...

GOTTA CHOKE!

...DENNIS SAID WE GOTTA STICK THIS 'LUV' IN HERE 'CAUSE THIS IS AN ALL MINI-TRUCK ISSUE.

ANYWAY... THE DEVICE WE DECIDED TO USE TO SET ME FREE IS...
VA-DOOM!
... A FLASH FLOOD!
ON THE ROAD AGAIN...
WHAT WAS THAT, MARSHA?
A WET NERD IN A GOODRICH RADIAL, JOHN.
MUST BE PLEDGING A FRATERNITY.
LOOK! A WET NERD IN A TIRE ROLLING ALONG THE PARCHED DESERT LANDSCAPE!
DARNIT, LISA, I TOLD YOU NOT TO EAT ANY OF THE PLANTS OUT HERE!
A RANGER STATION!
MAYBE THAT LADY CAN ...HELP...
... GEE... SHE LOOKS JUST LIKE ...IT CANT BE HER!
LATER, DONNA! ME AND THE BOYS IS CRUISIN' VEGAS THIS WEEKEND!
I... UH... THINK I'LL LET THIS ONE SLIDE.
DONT WAIT UP!
DONT ASK ME HOW SHE HAD 6 KIDS IN 1 YEAR!
KITTY, KITTY!
NO... I DID NOT PLAY THE BANJO IN "DELIVERANCE."

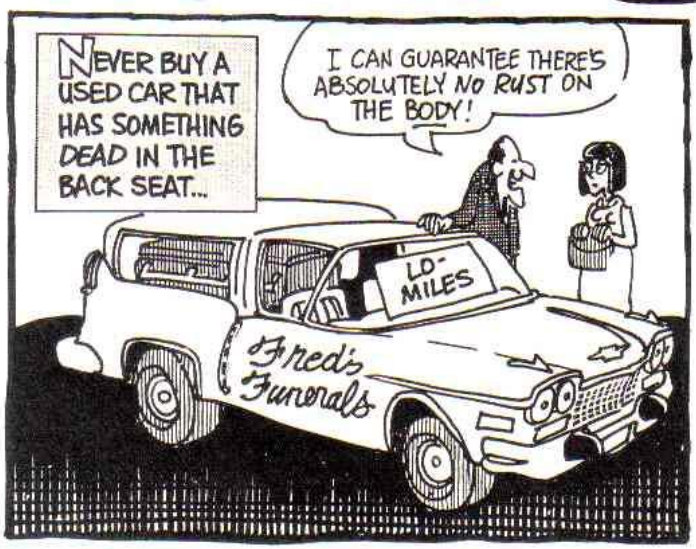

CIVILIZATION! OH BOY! I CAN JUST SMELL THOSE CHICKEN McGIZZARDS! FILET O' DEEP FRIED STUFF! PEANUT BUTTER N' MAPLE SYRUP PIZZA!
V.C.R.S, C.D.S! M.T.V!, U.K. SUBS, THE D.K.S, D.O.A., U.B. 40, X.T.C., T.S.O.L.! * A.C.D.C.!!
AND WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT... (OF COURSE YOU WOULD)... I'M BOUNCING RIGHT TOWARDS STUCK-UP VALLEY HIGH!
* SHAWN, QUIT BEING SO TRENDY... GAND, I'M SURE! DENNIS
WHAT LUCK, I'M CRASHING RIGHT INTO MY OLD HOME ROOM!
WHAT A GUY!
SPAZ!
GEEK!
HOW RAD!
WHAT A NERD!
COOL!
WELL, YOUNG MAN, GLAD YOU FINALLY DECIDED TO JOIN US. HERE IS YOUR HOME-WORK FOR THE LAST YEAR!
LATER, AT HOME...
THINGS ARE BACK TO NORMAL NOW.
WELL... ALMOST.
SEE... I GOT A LITTLE 'ATTACHED' TO MY RADIAL, AND I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO SLEEP WITHOUT IT!
IT'S A MINOR COMPULSION...
...I CAN DEAL WITH IT IF I WANT TO.
I FEEL SO SAFE.
Z-Z-Z-Z!
GRAND

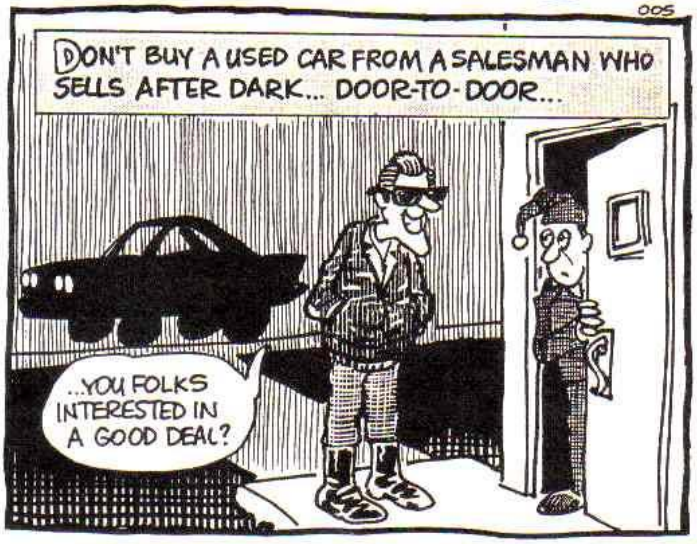


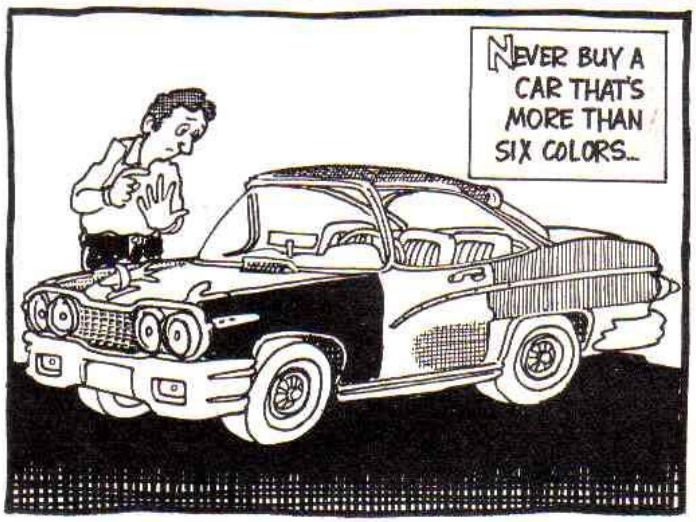
OTTO MOTTO: Never Allow Strangers To Rollerskate In Your Van.

CARtoons' "DRIVER EDUCATION" SERIES

LESSON #37: USED CARS TO AVOID BUYING:







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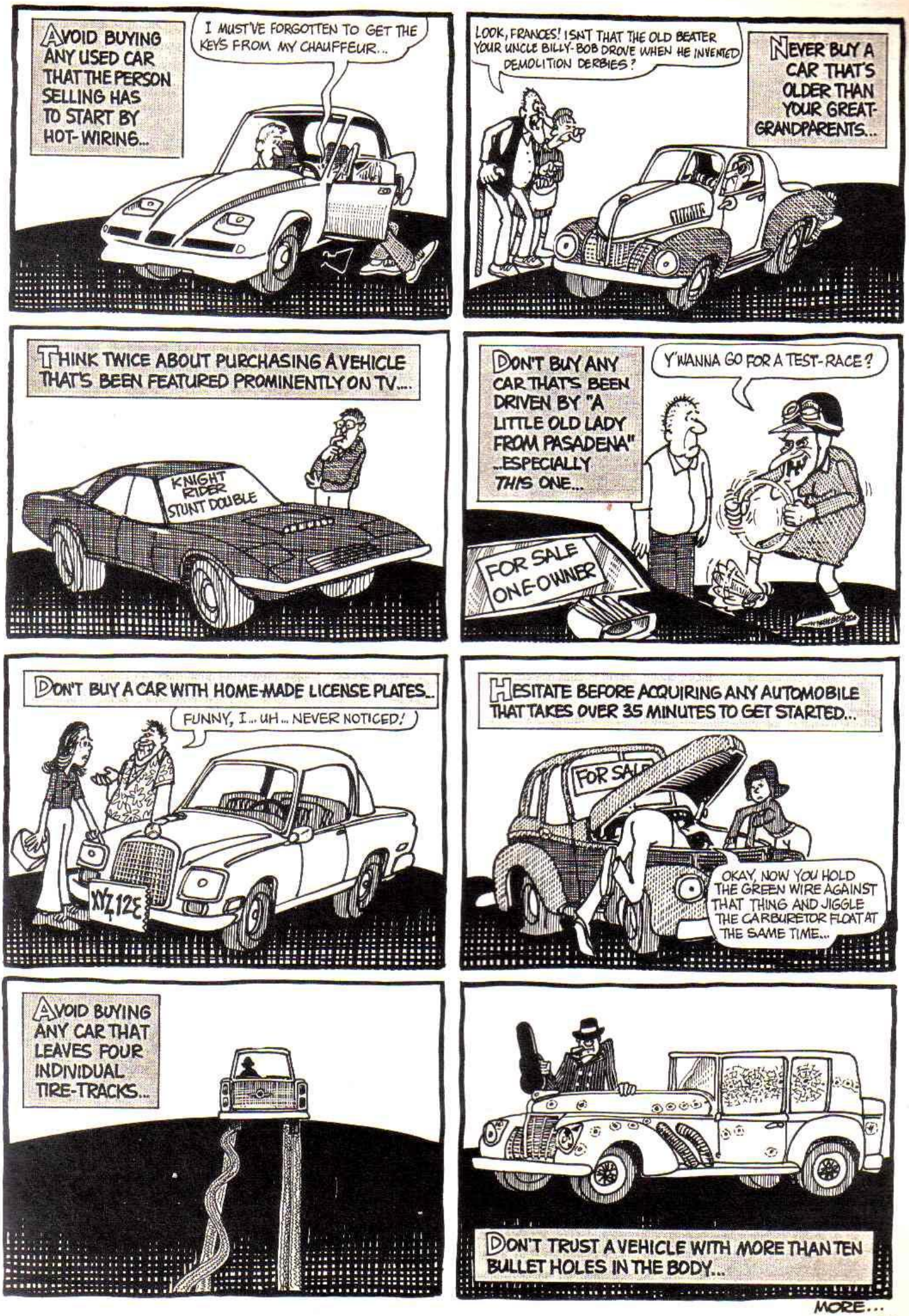
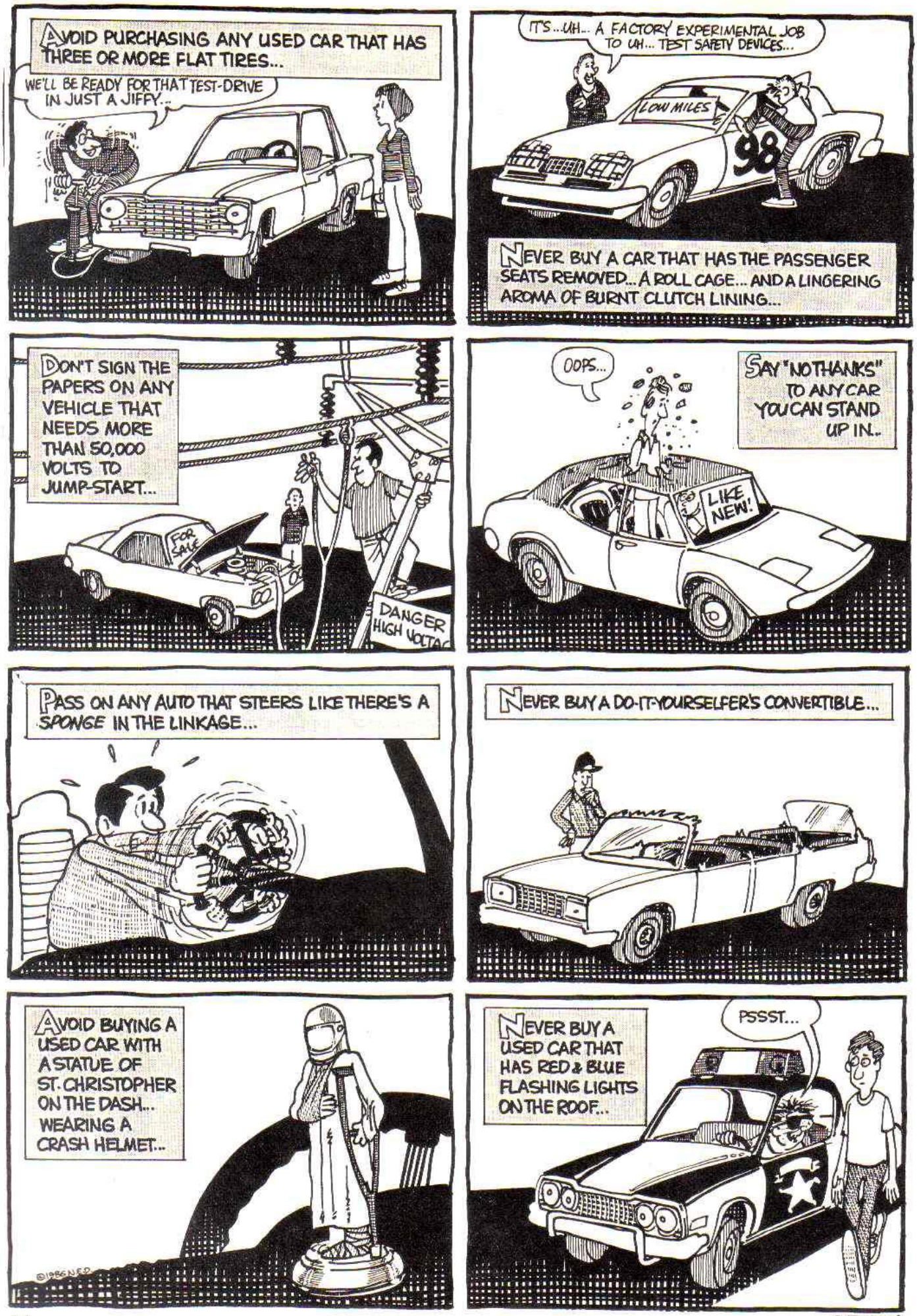
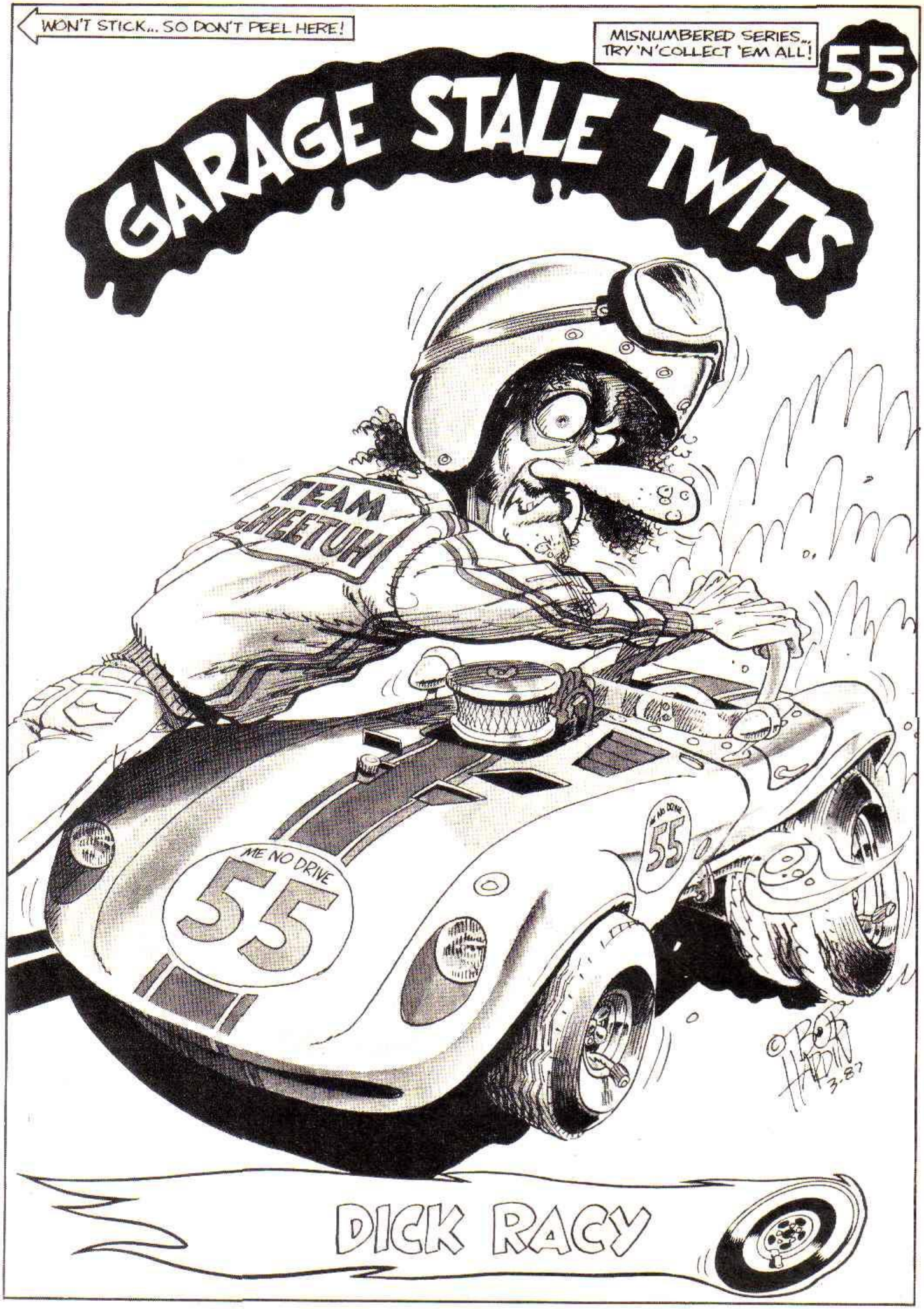

AVOID BUYING ANY USED CAR THAT THE PERSON SELLING HAS TO START BY HOT-WIRING...
I MUST'VE FORGOTTEN TO GET THE KEYS FROM MY CHAUFFEUR...
LOOK, FRANCES! ISN'T THAT THE OLD BEATER YOUR UNCLE BILLY-BOB DROVE WHEN HE INVENTED DEMOLITION DERBIES?
NEVER BUY A CAR THAT'S OLDER THAN YOUR GREAT-GRANDPARENTS...
THINK TWICE ABOUT PURCHASING A VEHICLE THAT'S BEEN FEATURED PROMINENTLY ON TV....
KNIGHT RIDER STUNT DOUBLE
DON'T BUY ANY CAR THAT'S BEEN DRIVEN BY "A LITTLE OLD LADY FROM PASADENA" ...ESPECIALLY THIS ONE...
Y'WANNA GO FOR A TEST-RACE?
FOR SALE ONE-OWNER
DON'T BUY A CAR WITH HOME-MADE LICENSE PLATES...
FUNNY, I... UH... NEVER NOTICED!
XYZ 123
HESITATE BEFORE ACQUIRING ANY AUTOMOBILE THAT TAKES OVER 35 MINUTES TO GET STARTED...
FOR SALE
OKAY, NOW YOU HOLD THE GREEN WIRE AGAINST THAT THING AND JIGGLE THE CARBURETOR FLOAT AT THE SAME TIME...
AVOID BUYING ANY CAR THAT LEAVES FOUR INDIVIDUAL TIRE-TRACKS...
DON'T TRUST A VEHICLE WITH MORE THAN TEN BULLET HOLES IN THE BODY...

MORE...


AVOID PURCHASING ANY USED CAR THAT HAS THREE OR MORE FLAT TIRES...
WE'LL BE READY FOR THAT TEST-DRIVE IN JUST A JIFFY...
IT'S...UH... A FACTORY EXPERIMENTAL JOB TO UH... TEST SAFETY DEVICES...
LOW MILES
98
NEVER BUY A CAR THAT HAS THE PASSENGER SEATS REMOVED... A ROLL CAGE... AND A LINGERING AROMA OF BURNT CLUTCH LINING...
DON'T SIGN THE PAPERS ON ANY VEHICLE THAT NEEDS MORE THAN 50,000 VOLTS TO JUMP-START...
FOR SALE
DANGER HIGH VOLTAG
OOPS...
SAY "NO THANKS" TO ANY CAR YOU CAN STAND UP IN..
LIKE NEW!
PASS ON ANY AUTO THAT STEERS LIKE THERE'S A SPONGE IN THE LINKAGE...
NEVER BUY A DO-IT-YOURSELFER'S CONVERTIBLE...
AVOID BUYING A USED CAR WITH A STATUE OF ST. CHRISTOPHER ON THE DASH... WEARING A CRASH HELMET...
NEVER BUY A USED CAR THAT HAS RED & BLUE FLASHING LIGHTS ON THE ROOF...
PSSST...

● END!



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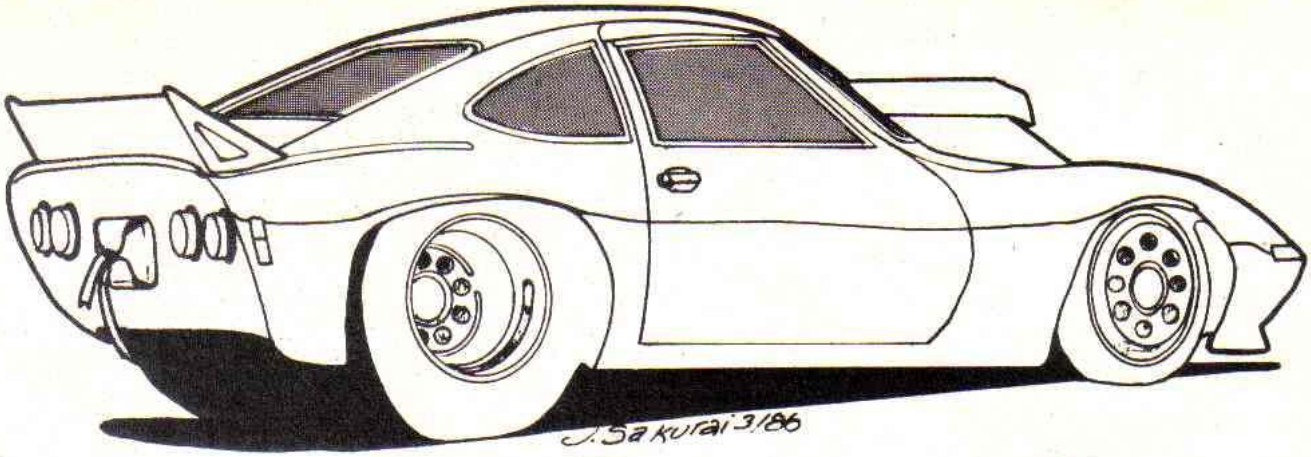

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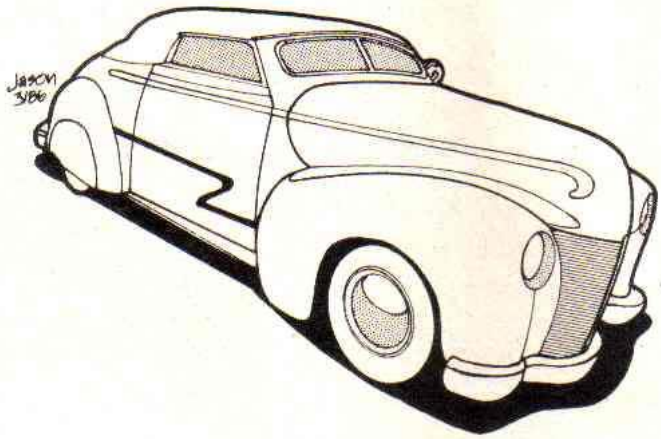

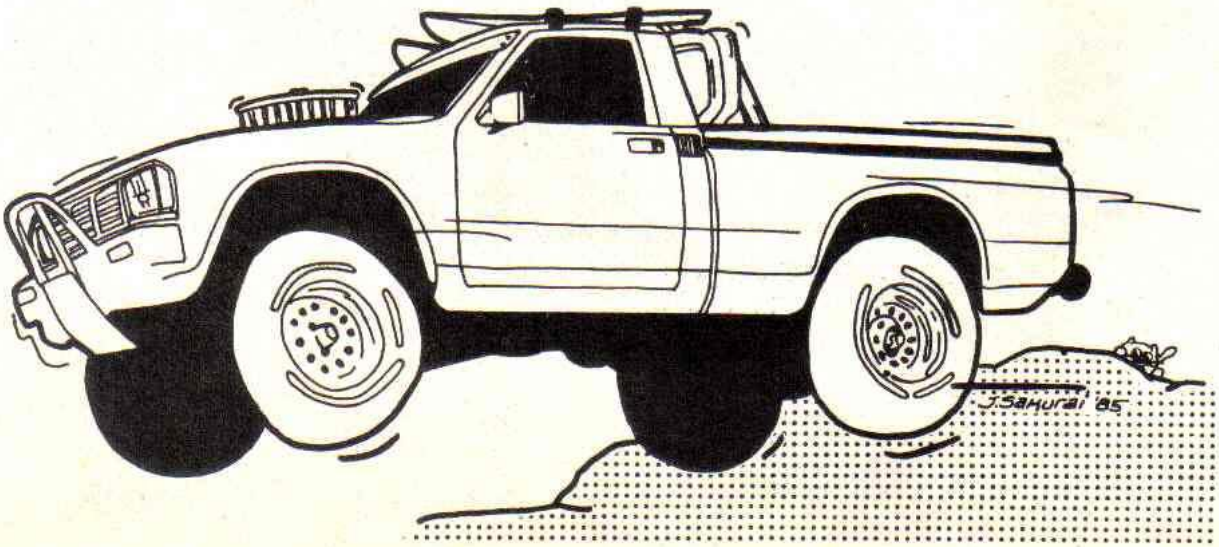

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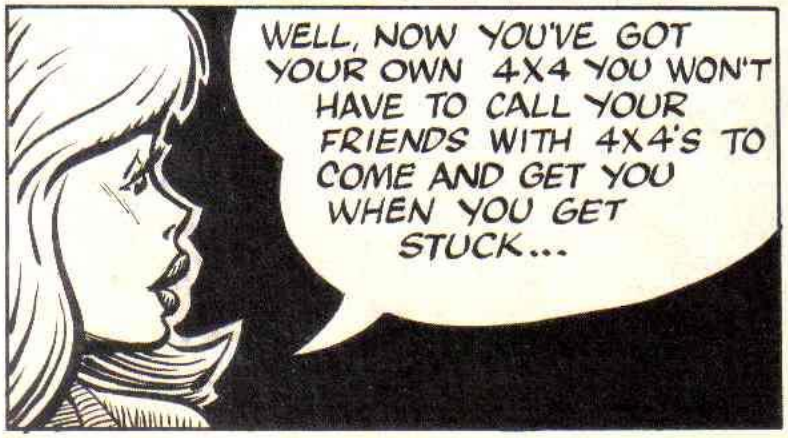
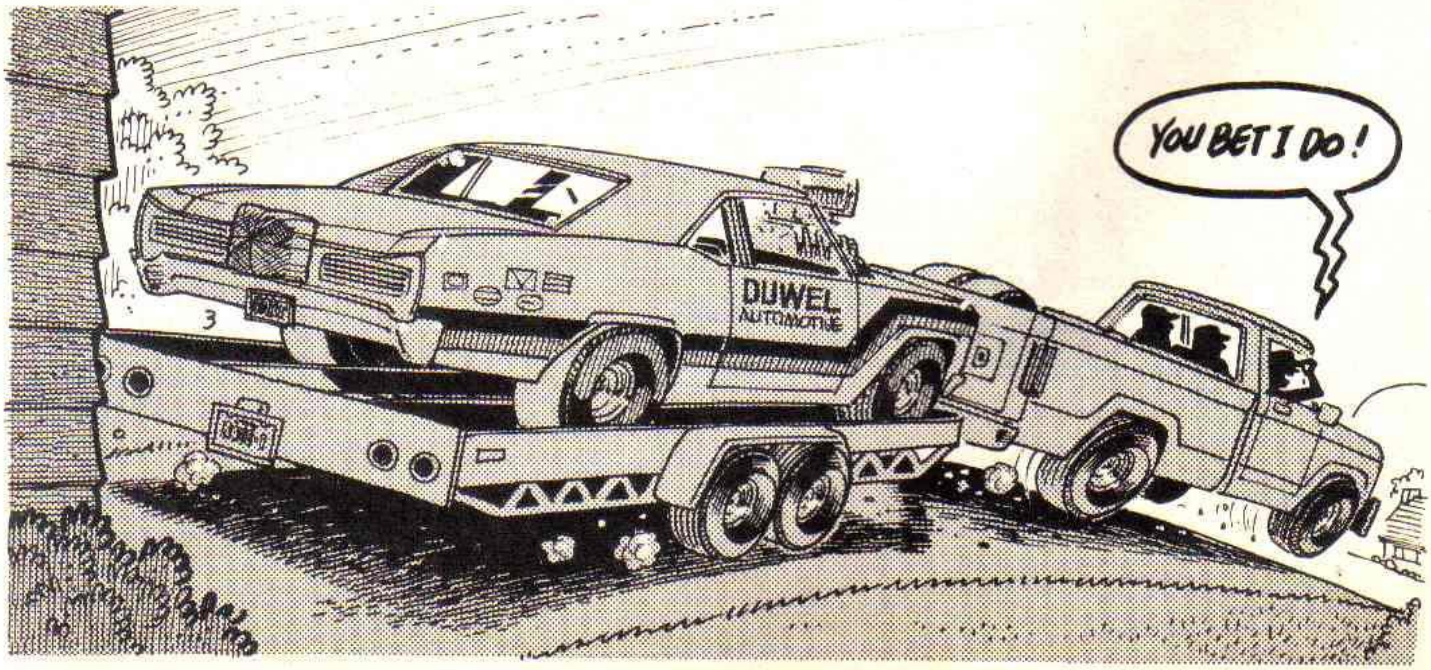
OTTO MOTTO: Only Indecently Parked Cars *Need* Covers.





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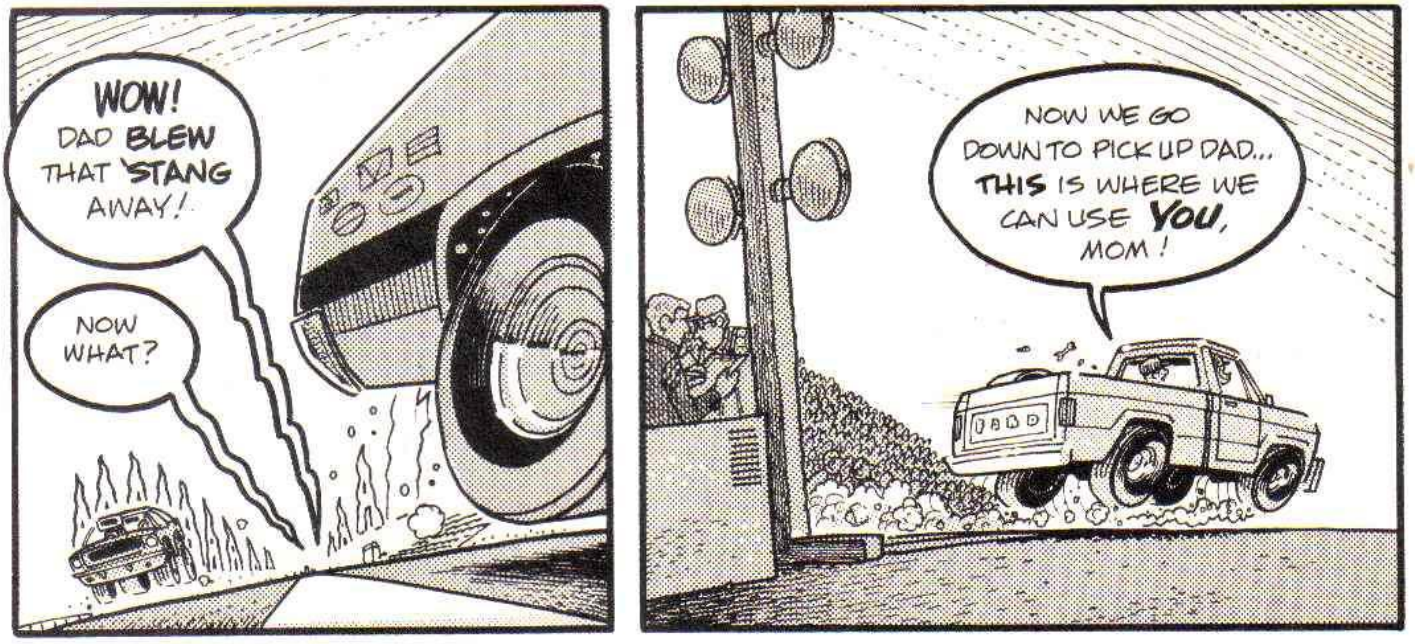
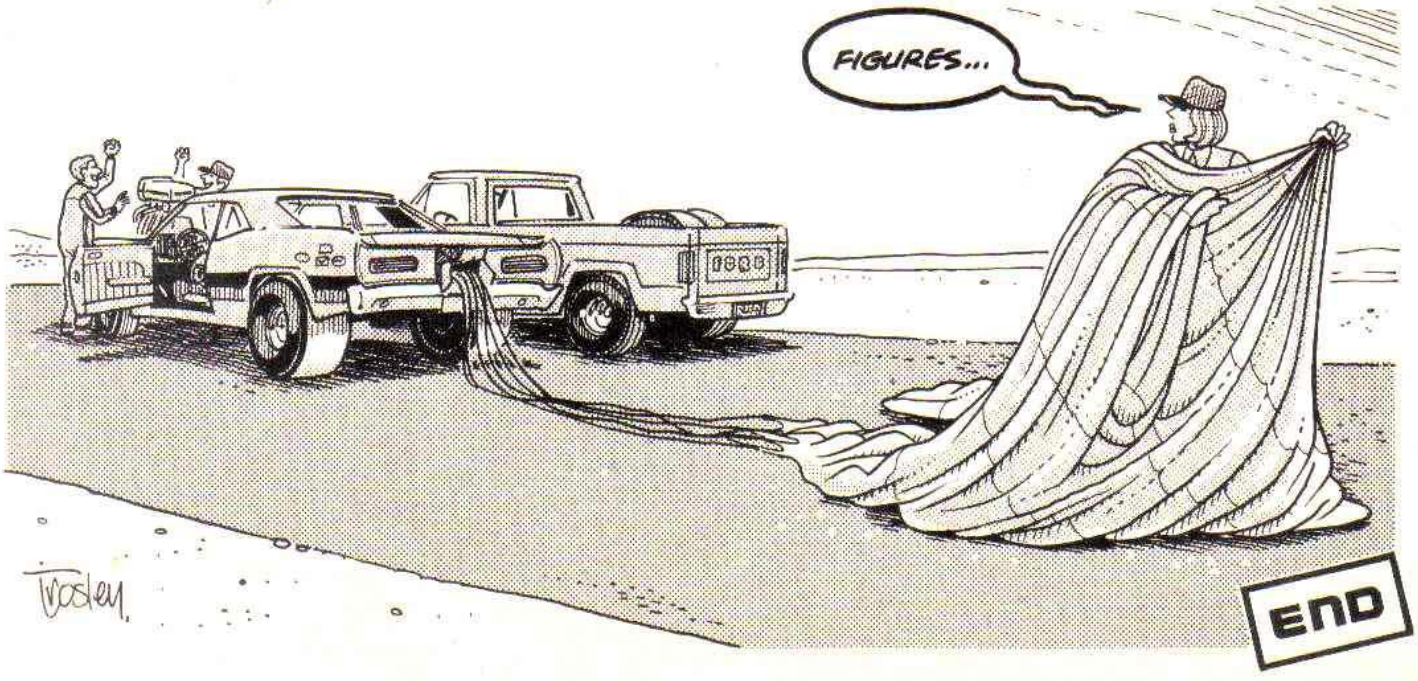
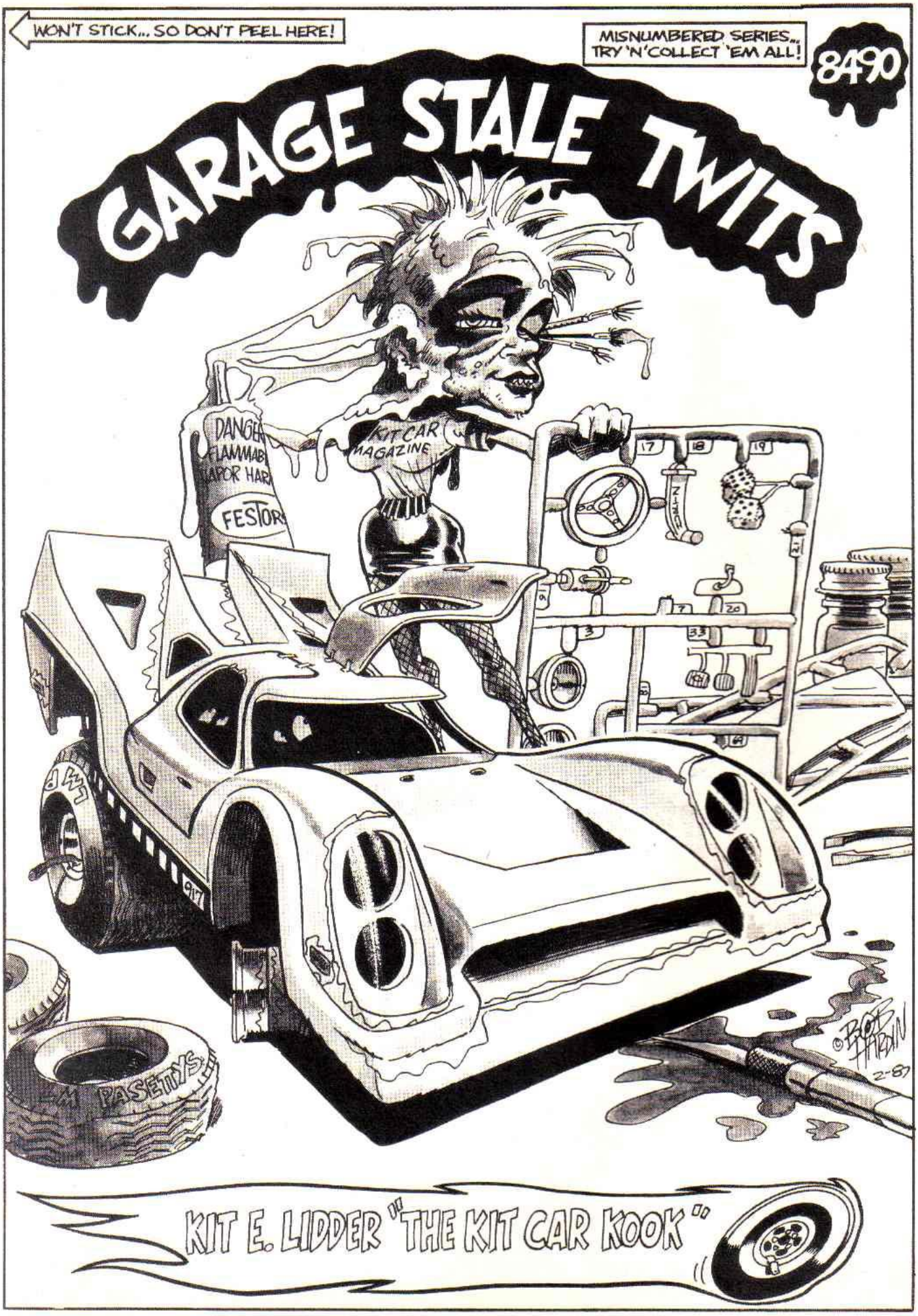
OTTO MOTTO: Never Play Chicken With 18-Wheelers.







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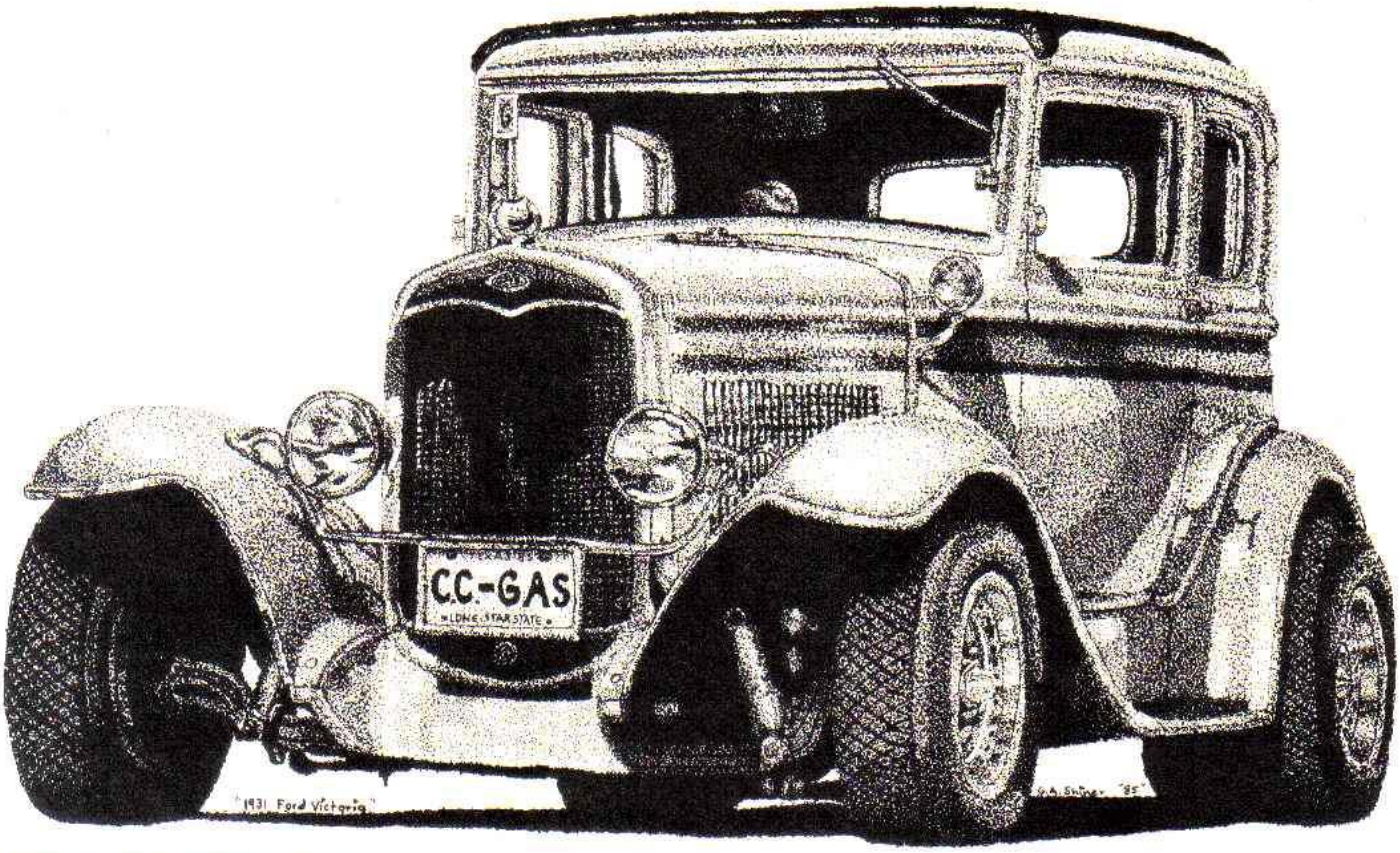

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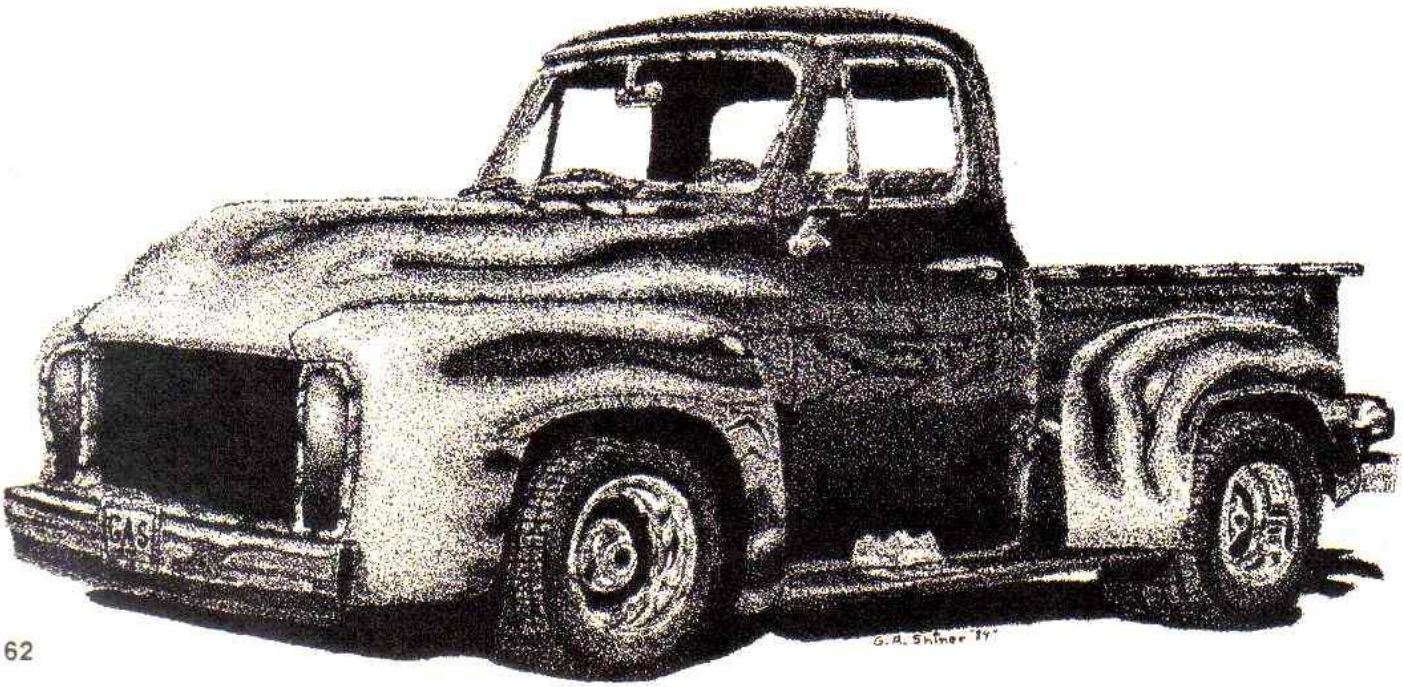

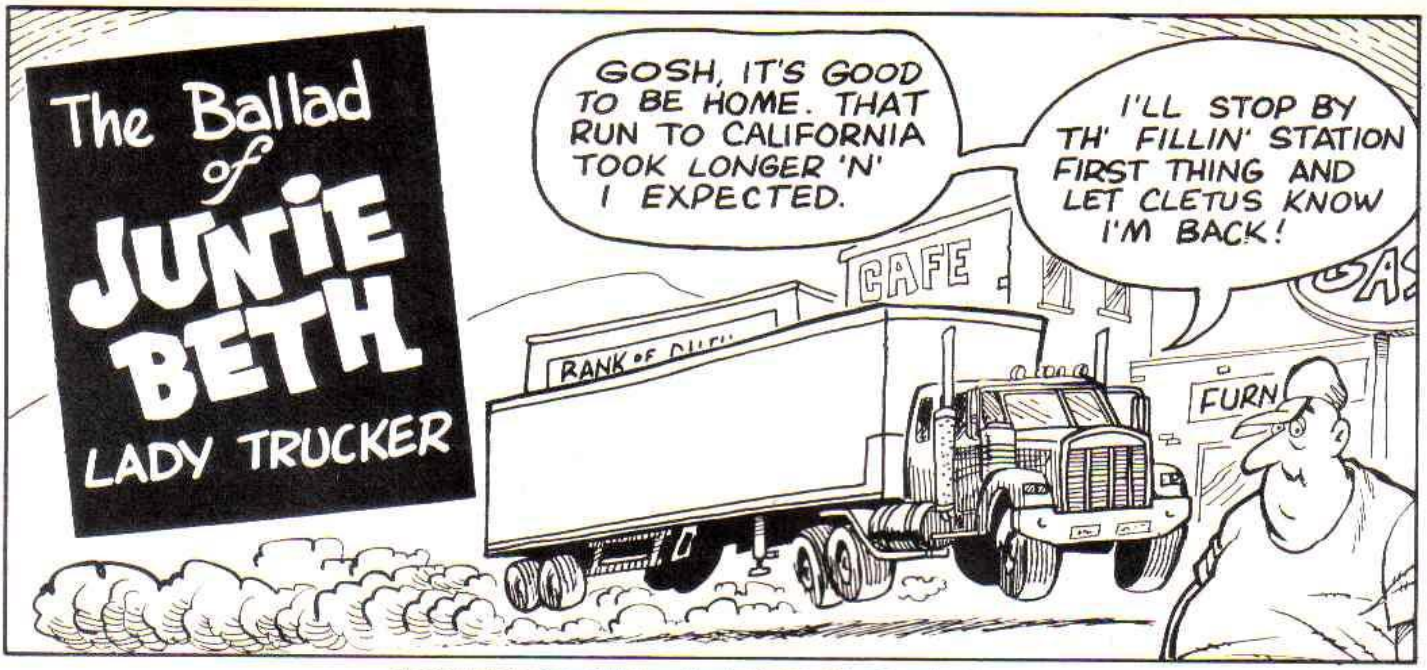

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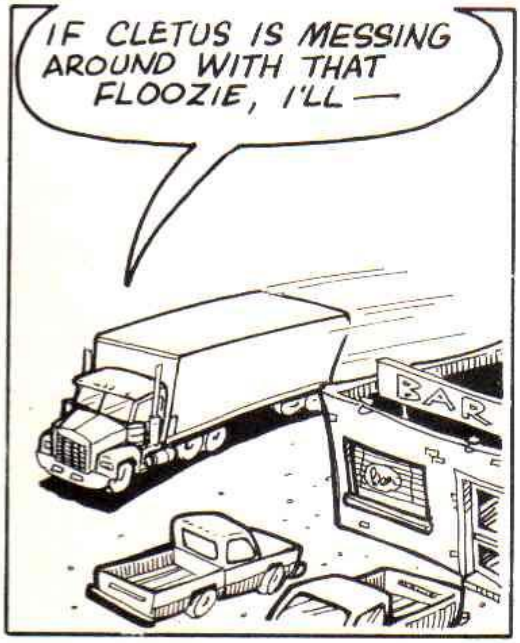
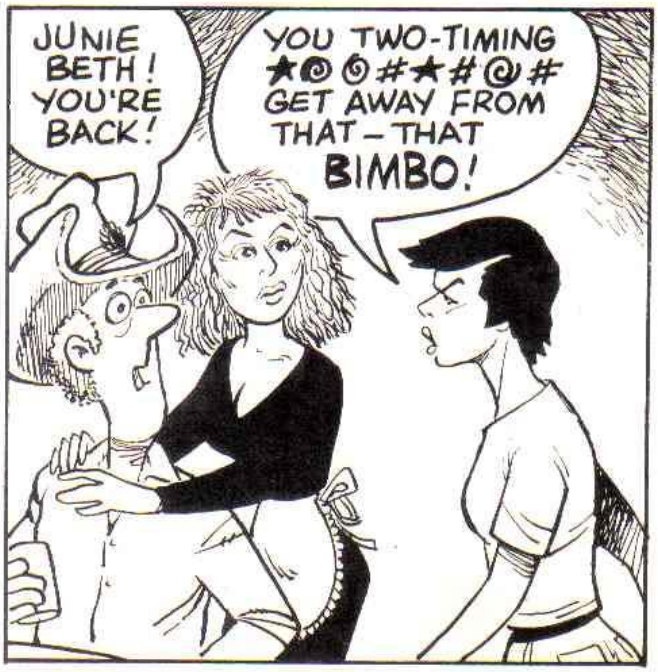
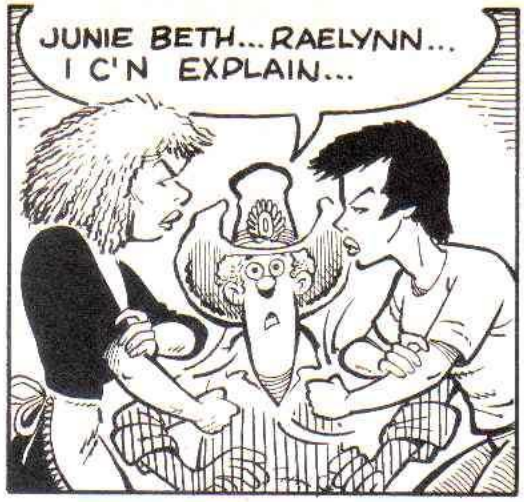


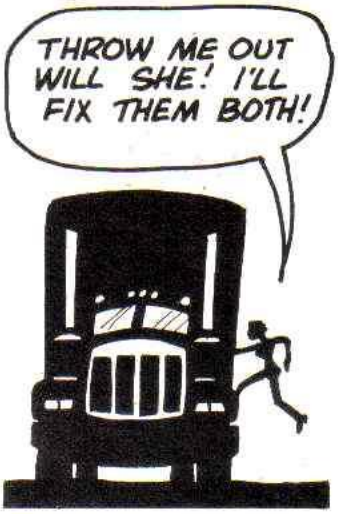



JUNIE BETH... RAELYNN... I C'N EXPLAIN...

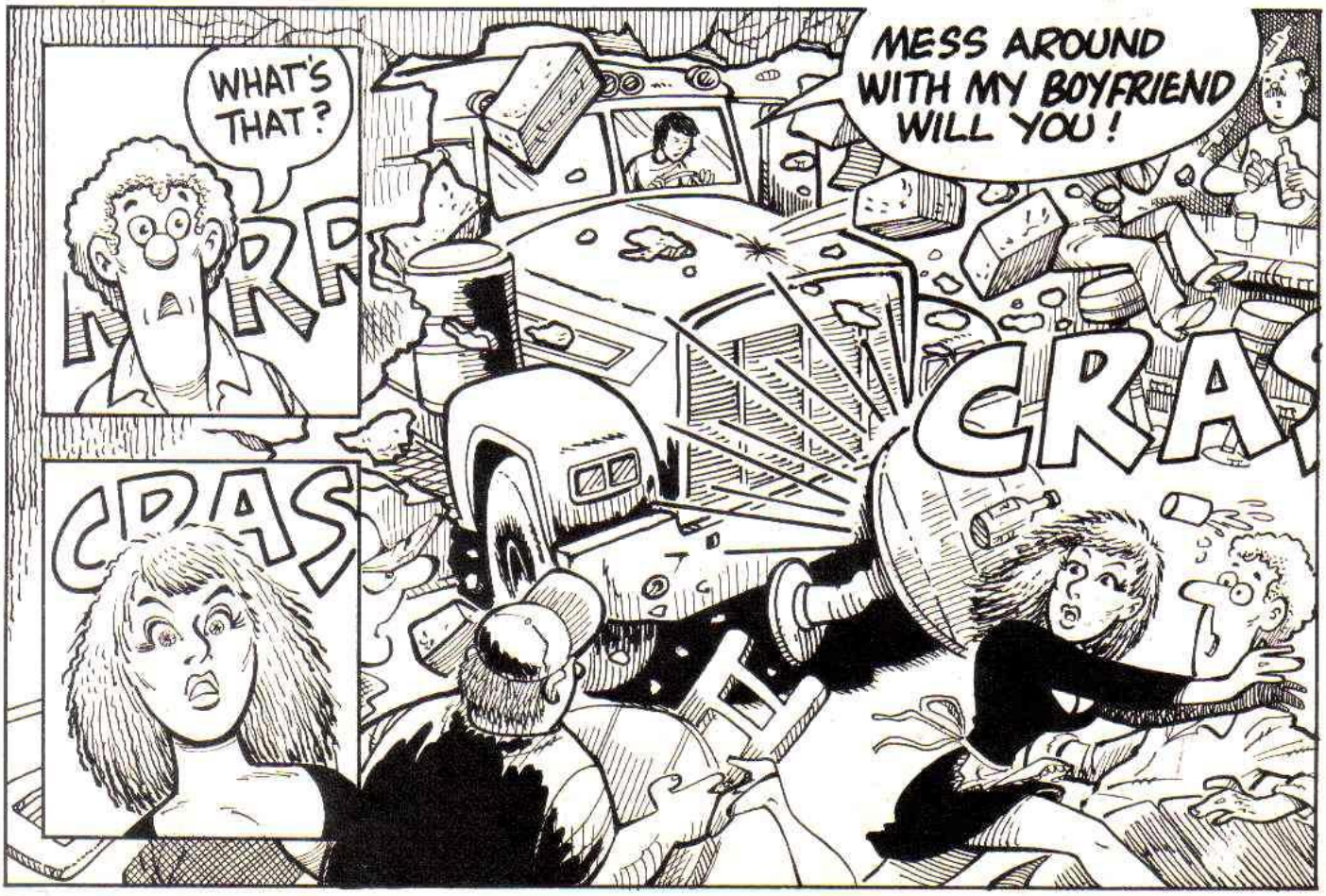
I WARN'T SECOND RUNNER UP IN TH' LADIES STATE ARM RASSLIN' CHAMPEENSHIP FOR NOTHIN'!
GIRLS...

GENTLE READER.. TO PROTECT YOUR SENSITIVE SOUL FROM THESE SCENES OF GRATUITOUS VIOLENCE... KICKING... SCRATCHING, GOUGING, ETC., WE MERCIFULLY DRAW A BLIND OVER THE NEXT FEW MOMENTS...

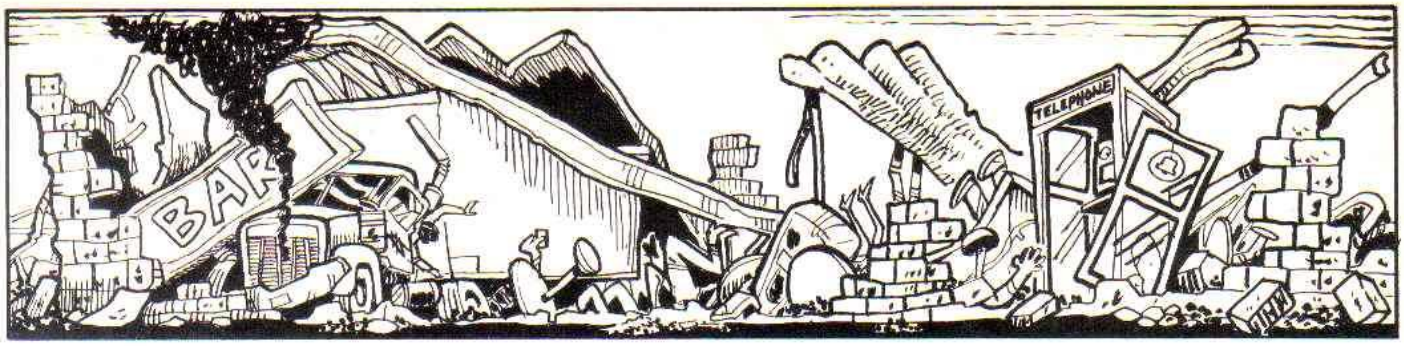
NOW STAY OUT! AND KEEP AWAY FROM CLETUS... YOU 18 WHEEL NIGHTMARE!
PA

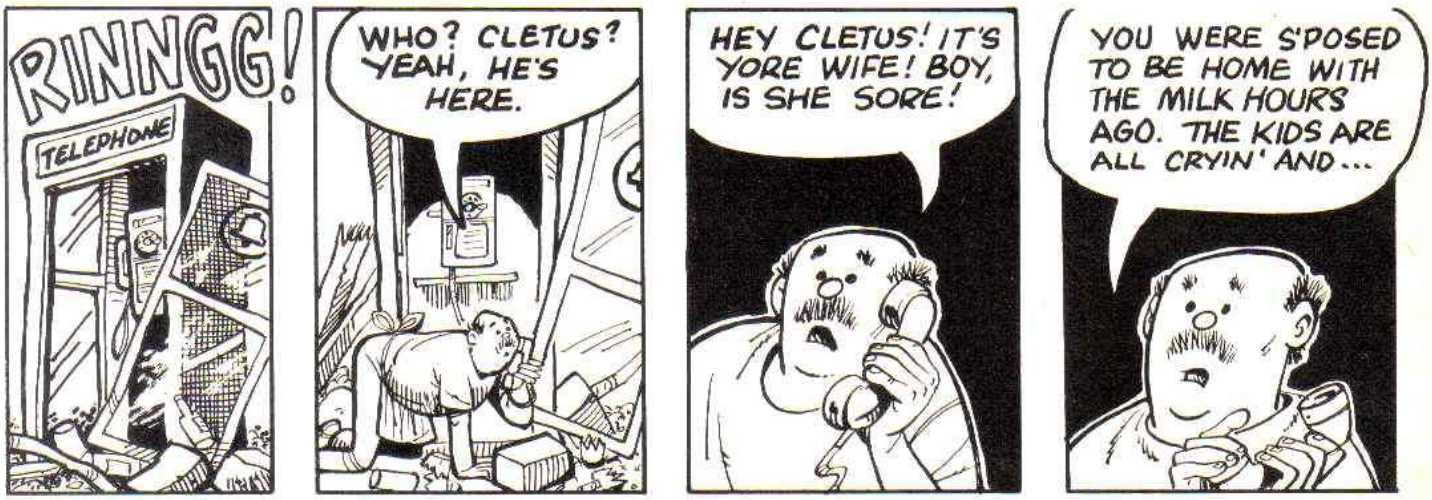

THROW ME OUT WILL SHE! I'LL FIX THEM BOTH!

NOW RAELYNN, YOU SHOULDN'T OUGHT TO HAVE DONE THAT!
SHE'S GONE SUGAR! LET'S PARTY!


WHAT'S THAT?
MESS AROUND WITH MY BOYFRIEND WILL YOU!
CRAS
CRAS

GRAHAM





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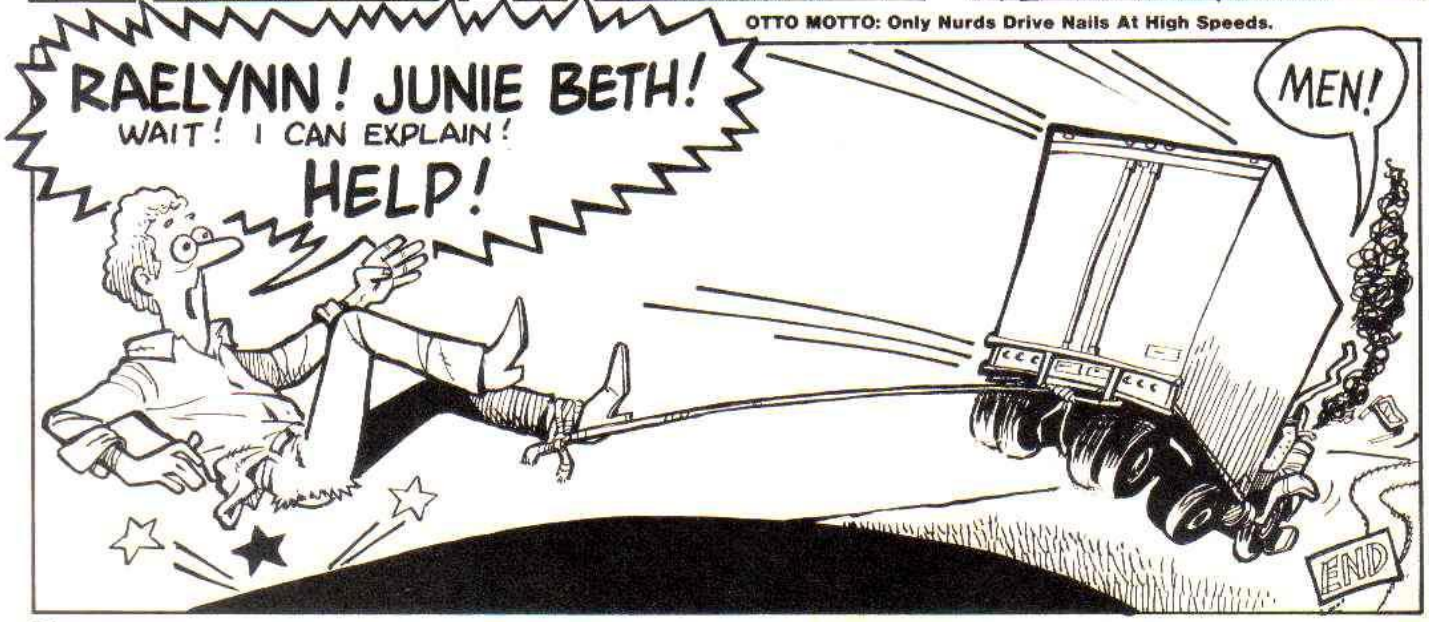

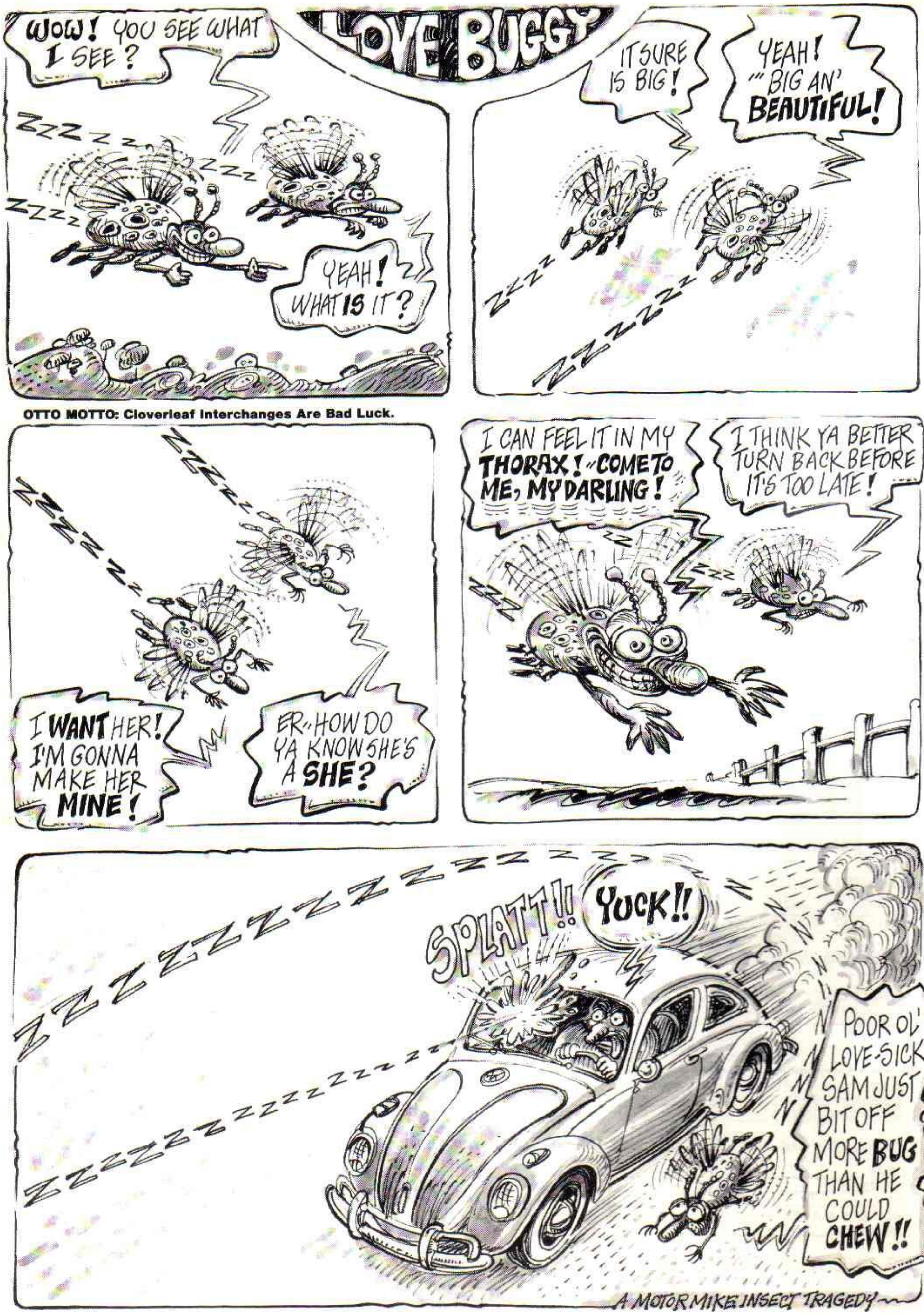

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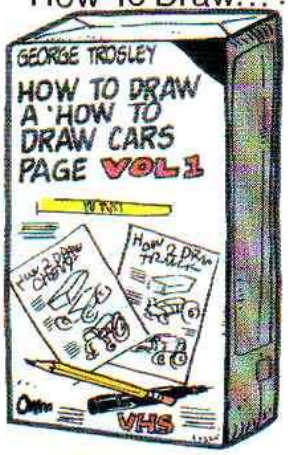

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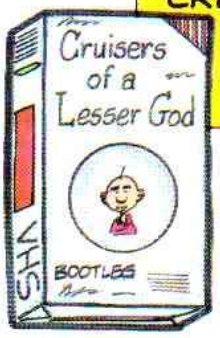

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